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Who's Who and What's What

Second Avenue Church, Laurel: The first two weeks in June were given to our Bible School. The splendid work done by this faculty and the children was felt in our revival that followed. The offering of \$16.00 contributed by the school was sent to help support the Indian work near Sandersville. June 15-22 Rev. A. E. Pardue of Magnolia preached in our revival. His messages were plain and forceful and people responded from the first service. The house was filled at night and those who have been here through the years say we had the largest crowds ever in the morning. The music was furnished by local talent with Bro. W. T. Montgomery as chorister and Mrs. Paul McClellan as pianist. A Junior Choir of forty-five voices trained by Mrs. W. D. Gray helped greatly. Fourteen professed faith in Christ and others came by letter.—C. W. Thompson, Pastor.

"Strategic retreat" and "consolidating their position" are terms used by army officials to describe some move when they have been driven back, or have failed in some attempt. And that's about the situation when you hear of some denominations uniting to "present a solid front." The same is often true of so-called "union services" in a community where the congregations do not wish to go to church at night.

Some people are amazed at how small Christian groups multiply and how efficient they are in money raising and apparent devotion. Elmer T. Clark, in *The Christian Advocate*, explains this matter as follows: 1. They reject the modern social gospel in favor of direct intervention of God in human affairs. 2. They believe strongly in the supernatural and preach another-worldly gospel. 3. They place strong emphasis on religious experience, which has a large emotional content. 4. They speak with dogmatic certainty on all spiritual subjects which are of interest to their people.—Ex.

Every political party has a "platform," which is a statement of its principles, what it believes, stands for and proposes to do. It would not be a party if it did not have a platform. Nobody so far as we have ever heard, contradicts this or objects to it. And why in the name of common sense should not a body of Christian people issue a statement as to what they believe and stand for and propose to do. There is something queer about the head or heart of a man who objects to such a statement of faith. Why hide in the dust and clouds of uncertainty? Why conceal one's faith or lack of it in vaporous statements? We have heard of men who ran for Congress on the platform of "You elect me and I'll get you whatever you want." But nobody believes them or can respect them.

We wish to give hearty approval to the policy recently proclaimed by the Sunday School Board that nothing in their literature shall hamper or weaken the administration in Washington during this unlimited emergency. All the writers of the Board give their hearty endorsement to this policy. The Board also requests that none of the speakers at Ridgecrest shall say anything which may seem to be disloyal to the government. We heartily approve this determination. Anything to the contrary would be disloyalty and we have plenty of fifth columnists with foreign names without lending them any aid or comfort.

Just closed a 10-day revival with Tate Street Baptist Church, Corinth, Rev. A. B. Jones the hard working and beloved pastor. There were 14 additions to the church, all adults, making 37 additions to Tate Street since the first of the year.—C. E. Patch.

CALVARY CHURCH, JACKSON

Calvary Baptist has just closed its Sixteenth Annual Vacation Bible School, with the commencement exercises Friday evening. The attendance of the school has been near the three hundred mark. Much interest has been shown on the part of everyone and we believe it to be one of the best in the history of our church. We feel sure the results of work accomplished in this school will continue on indefinitely.

Wednesday evening, Dr. Bowen will begin a series of study in the book of James, at the prayer meeting hour. For the past few weeks we have been studying the book of Philipians.

Last Tuesday evening the pastor met with a group of young men in our church for another interesting discussion together, on what it means to be a Christian.

Twelve new members were received into Calvary Church last Sunday, also one for re-dedication.

Tuesday evening, June 24th, the regular monthly business meeting of the Training Union will be held at the church at 7 o'clock.—Edna Carver, Secretary.

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In one of our Baptist exchanges is editorial protest against a state institution requiring an oath of allegiance to the United States Constitution, also against any requirement by a denominational school requiring a teacher to sign a confession of faith. And yet in this same editorial it is said, "By all means let us remove from our institutions of learning, both state and denominational, subversive and heretical elements." How can they be removed unless you have standards of conduct and faith. You had just as well talk about a judge administering law and justice when there is no law. Why should a denomination pay a man to teach what the denomination believes to be false? You had just as well say it is wrong to dismiss a nurse in your home who is teaching the children bad habits. No restraint is put upon the liberty of one who teaches heresy in church or state. Let him go and teach it wherever he will. But don't expect those to pay him for it who don't believe it, nor furnish him a lecture room and a congregation. Every seminary of Southern Baptists requires the teachers to sign a statement of faith. That is the only guarantee that the people have who are called upon to support it. There is great need of thinking straight in this crooked world.

Newhebron Church has just closed a good Daily Vacation Bible School. The enrollment was better than last year. Miss Marguerite Newsom and Miss Lennie Bess Stamps had charge of the Intermediate Department. Miss Miriam Izard had charge of the Junior Department. Miss Joy Weathersby led the primary work and Miss Ina Frances Seay and Miss Ina Mae Phillips taught the beginners. Miss Newsom and Miss Izard had charge of the music.—B. E. Phillips.

Rev. J. I. Cossey resigns the pastorate at Searcey, Arkansas, to become chaplain of the Arkansas District CCC. He was for several years editor of the Arkansas Baptist, and has been pastor in Searcey for nearly twelve years.

For the past two weeks we have had a combination V. B. S. and protracted meeting at Perkinson. The V. B. S. each morning and preaching at night. The interest in both grew from day to day, and the results are encouraging. The enrollment of the V. B. S. was nearly equal to the Sunday School and the children did fine work. As to results of the preaching services, three were received for baptism and a genuine renewal of interest on the part of many. This week I am at Red Creek Union and next Sunday we begin our meeting at Mt. Oral near Laurel.—Bryan Simmons.

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has in the past year added 80 new beds. An enlargement of the nurses' home is being completed. The net income of the hospital over operating expenses is over \$200,000. They are gradually paying off the building debt. Of the patients 34 per cent are Catholics and 16 per cent are Baptists.

Pastor D. O. Horne and the Monticello Church had Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven with them in their revival meeting June 16-22. There were 23 additions to the church; 19 on profession of faith.

Copiah County churches had their fifth Sunday meeting this week at Georgetown. Pastor O. O. Hailey welcomed the visitors, and presided. There was a good program. Bro. R. L. Langley spoke on Adequate Defense; Dr. T. E. Green on Some of Our Church Problems; the Editor preached. After lunch Brother A. B. Pierce spoke on Trained Teachers; Dr. G. P. White on the Vacation Bible School; and Dr. Mark Lowrey gave a demonstration of the work of the B. T. U. with a fine group of young women. Georgetown has one of the best churches for the size of the town of any place in the state. The churches in Copiah are among the best developed that we know of.

Ask an interest in the prayers of the brethren as I go to Itawamba county for a meeting with Rev. J. C. Graham, first Sunday in July. Third Sunday Saltillo, where last year we had 34 additions (no pastor now, though). Fourth Sunday at Kossuth, Alcorn County (no pastor now). First Sunday in August with Rev. W. L. Warren, in Newton County; second Sunday with Rev. J. W. Kitchens, Choctaw County; third Sunday, Mt. Olive, Prentiss County; fourth Sunday, with Rev. Roy Lewis at Chalybeate; fifth Sunday, Baldwyn (at the request of the church, preaching in our fourth revival); and the first Sunday in September with Brother Hammons at Burnsville.—C. E. Patch.

The Southwest Baptist Assembly will convene at the Percy Quin Park, McComb, Miss., July 6-11. Rev. C. Z. Holland will be the inspirational speaker. Rev. E. A. Pardue will direct the music. Mr. E. C. Williams will have charge of the study courses in Sunday school; Mr. Auber J. Wilds will direct the B. T. U. courses, and Miss Frances Traylor will direct the W. M. U. courses. The cost for those who attend the assembly will be: Adults, \$5.50, and children 12 years old and under \$3.00.

Evangelist Selsus E. Tull of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, closed a revival with the Seven Hills Baptist Church of Owensboro, Kentucky, on June 22, in which there were 55 additions to the church. Rev. John L. Waldrop is the happy pastor. Rev. Carlyle Marney, pastor of the Camp City Church at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, led the singing. This was a truly great revival. A notable feature of the revival was the large number of grown people who were converted.

The Israelites chose to hear a man speak to them from God, rather than hear the voice of God direct. And we in all probability would do the same thing, making the same choice. They had heard the voice of God from the summit of Sinai and were dreadfully frightened. They did not believe that they could continue to live and hear His voice. And they were apparently right. They were unnerved and would be unfit for the ordinary occupations of life. The voice of God must in some way be muffled, so that the ear of man might be enabled to endure it. God accedes to their request and henceforth speaks to them through the prophets. But this does not lessen the obligation to hear and obey. The New Testament tells us that Israel did not escape the obligation to obey as truly as if God had spoken directly to them. Read Hebrews 12:25, "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh: For if they escaped not when they refused, much more shall not we."

Sparks and Splinters

Okolona. The work is going just fine. We have baptized for three successive Sunday nights.—C. A. Alexander, Pastor.

Pastor C. S. Thomas had with him Rev. F. W. Tomberlin of Abbeyville, Alabama, in a meeting last week at Duck Hill. It began well. Brother Thomas had just returned from a meeting in Florence, Ala., which he thinks was the best he has ever been in.

There are said to be about 40 chaplains in Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg.

Pastor R. L. Wallace of Raymond had Rev. Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., with him in an evangelistic meeting last week.

Last week by some mistake the Record reported the Editor as preaching at Fellowship church. It should, of course, have been Friendship.

The whole world is watching with interest the progress of the war between Russia and Germany. It is difficult to find out what is actually happening as each side is claiming and proclaiming great victories.

We have received from the Concord Press of Concord, Mass., a copy of a book entitled "The Old Testament and Apocrypha, the Word of Faith, a Simplified Scripture." It is said to be "arranged for study, devotions, church, school and other public readings, by Bible Students of Concord, Mass." It is an abbreviated edition of much of the Bible, but that it is simplified I am unconvinced. It gives in many places a different translation of the Old Testament scriptures, giving large portions of the Bible but leaving out much of it. For example, the Psalms are not given in their usual order, but are grouped under three divisions: Meditations, Prayer and Praise. The names of the books in the Bible are changed so as to indicate something of the contents. For example, the book of Joshua is called the Book of Conquest, etc. Each book is thus given a new name. A hurried survey of the book fails to reveal the purpose of it. The publisher says, "The purpose of this work is to provide a consecutive historical record of the Hebrew people, as set forth in their early scriptures, together with the ethical and doctrinal values which grew out of that Experience." Our conception of the Bible is that it is primarily a revelation of God. We welcome any part of the Bible, or any effort to translate it or bring it to bear on the lives of people. We hope this book will help to do that. The price of it is \$1.50.

This church union business which is so popular in some quarters so long as it is hypothetical, gets into a ridiculous tangle when it comes to practical application. It is much like the comic strip which the daily papers used to run about Alphonse and Gaston: "After thee, my dear friend." The Episcopalians and Northern Presbyterians have been making polite bows and gestures to one another for years, each practically saying, "Will you come into my parlor?" It would not be considered impolite we hope to liken the situation to two snakes trying to swallow each other. Anyway that is not so bad a situation as that which one prominent Presbyterian used in speaking to a group of Episcopalians. He said the Presbyterian Church seems to be in the position of a couple invited to dinner; on approaching the home to which they were invited, heard the voice of the host saying to his wife, "Why the ——— did you invite those people?"

We speak of the propagandists among the warring nations in Europe which make such contradictory reports of what is happening over there with the purpose of lining up people with wavering opinions and no convictions; but we have our share of them in this country too. Opposing groups in America can take the same figures compiled by any statistician and reach opposite conclusions. One will tell you that 80 percent of the people are isolationists and the other will tell you that 90 percent are interventionists. Can you wonder that with the same Bible there are hundreds of different denominations in America? People are funny, and likely to remain so. Absolute honesty is not a common article.

S. W. Eubanks succeeds W. A. Keel as Bible teacher in Carson and Newman College in Tennessee.

CHURCH TIMES, London, says, An English Mission Board is now providing the salary of a German missionary in E. Africa, of a French missionary in Madagascar and a Finnish missionary in India, while a German mission in Togoland is supported by a Scottish Board and directed by an American missionary.

Pastor T. W. Talkington tells happily about a profitable and enjoyable Teacher Training Course conducted in the Sumrall church. Brother E. C. Williams, State S. S. Secretary, leading. Also a successful Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by local workers: Mrs. Richard Sumrall, Mrs. Ira Drennan, Miss Bessie Ellington, Mrs. Leslie Sumrall and the pastor.

The Seminary Church voted unanimously to continue the Every Family Plan or Baptist Record subscriptions; also voted necessary funds for improvement of the church building.—T. W. Talkington.

There was a time when Israel was threatened with invasion by the Assyrians. In the midst of their peril they turned to Egypt for help. The Lord told them it would do them no good, that it would only endanger them further. And now in the year 1941 A. D. when billions are being voted for national defense, and our young men are being assembled for training in military camps the secretaries of the Army and Navy are playing into the hands of the liquor people and the devil in general by insisting that liquor must be allowed to be sold in these camps. The judgment of the Lord is on those who do evil, whether they be in Europe or the U. S. A.

Here is a sample of the conduct of Germans in countries that they occupy. Dr. W. O. Lewis, Secretary of the Baptist Alliance, says that in Antwerp Germans allow only three or four head of cattle to be slaughtered for 400,000 people, while for the German army of occupation in that city 40 head of cattle are killed each day. In Brussels the civilian population are allowed only four or five head of cattle a day.

We Baptists and other Christians maintain that love is the proper Christian motive and that love is more powerful than force in producing good results. All right, let's prove it in these strenuous days when taxes are going to unprecedented heights for national defense. We will pay the bill and ought to pay it without murmuring. But the world emergency also puts before us new opportunities for service. We have within our state about 100,000 people who are in the military and industrial plants made by the present emergency. Will the love of Christ constrain us to help them? We have been asked to help take care of British missions. Are we willing and glad to help preach the gospel on these mission fields? We have emergencies in our educational work and in our state mission work. Do we answer, "I delight to do thy will, O God?"

The Word and Way of Missouri gives a wise word of caution about allowing individuals or certain groups to be regarded as the mouthpiece for the Baptist denomination. And in this connection says the following about the proposal to establish a Baptist daily paper in Washington, D. C.: "Baptists will be wise to continue to decentralize their national voice. This is one of the reasons why we view with some apprehension the suggestion, made at the recent Southern Baptist Convention, that a national Baptist daily paper be established in Washington, D. C. Furthermore, Washington, of all places, should, in our judgment, be avoided as a place for the establishment of such an enterprise. It is not, in any sense, Baptist, as we understand the fundamental principles of our faith, that any church, or cooperative group of churches should seek, in its organized capacity and directly to influence legislation or any other activity of government. We believe in the separation of church and state. A national Baptist publication in Washington would constantly be under the temptation of becoming the voice of Baptists for the purpose of influencing the government. We must go very slowly, in approving such a venture."

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"CHRIST ONLY"

The solution of many of our problems is to be found in a Christ-centered ministry. Each time we kill off one evil in the life of our people two or three more will sprout out from the stump from which we cut off that one. The stream of their faith and life must be purified at its sources. The objective of their vision must be clearly defined as Christ.

Too many of our people are loyal to a class or a circle, a cemetery or an organization. Their religious motive is not something subordinate and second to the main source of light, life, and love which is Christ. Realizing this for a long time I have sought each week to draw the attention of my people that it is Christ only who is our light, our strength, and our salvation. Somewhere in a public prayer every Sunday and practically every day I pray with people in sick rooms, or in the study, or under other circumstances I put into my prayer this sentence: "O Spirit of God, help us daily to keep our faces turned toward Jesus Christ."

Whenever we persistently stay with this prayer we will in time accomplish a great deal towards getting our people to join their hearts to Him.

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THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Rev. Owen C. Brown of Lausdowne, Pennsylvania, has a story in the last issue of the Watchman-Examiner concerning the first meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City in 1908. The tentative organization of the Convention was formed the year before. The Convention sermon was preached by Dr. P. S. Henson. We quote from this report of the Oklahoma City Convention:

"Two hundred Indians attended that Convention from mission fields, mainly in Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming, and Montana. They were given reserved seats in the front and center of the auditorium, and they made a colorful picture, as many of them were in striped blankets or shawls and had their hair in two braids, tied with red ribbon and thrown in front of their shoulders. Mr. Tyson, a missionary among the Indians, was speaking. He said to the Indians: 'I was once your enemy, for I was in Custer's last charge in Wyoming and fought you to the death.' He was describing that bloody battle when a large, old Indian slowly arose, lifted his hand and was recognized by the chair. 'Mr. President,' he said in measured words, 'I was in that battle, and we fought like demons to stop the pale faces.' A thrill like an electric shock brought the audience to the edge of their seats. He continued: 'I was Mr. Tyson's bitter enemy, but now I am happy to say that I hear him preach the gospel, and we are brothers in the Jesus Way.' Tense with excitement, the president said: 'I want you to come to the platform and shake hands with our old-time enemy and now your Christian brother.' With seemingly embarrassed and heavy effort, the broad-shouldered chief made his way down the aisle and up the steps to the platform. As the two men approached each other, tears were in their eyes, and deep emotion marked their movements. They did not stop to shake hands. They fell into each other's arms and sobbed in joyful silence. As they stood there in that embrace the audience was on its feet as one man, and involuntarily they began singing, 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.' It was one of the high moments of that significant convention on the western plains."

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The Sunday-School Board has published the proceedings of the fifth Southwide B. T. U. Conference held in Memphis last December 31 to January 3. It includes all the addresses made at this conference by a dozen or more outstanding Baptist leaders of the South. They are published under the general title of "Following the Living Christ." In paper binding it can be had of the Baptist Book Store for 50 cents.

WRITERS, BEWARE!

By Gordon Hurlbutt, Th.D.

I see in some religious periodicals advertisements of certain publishers soliciting book manuscripts. Such an advertisement appeared in a recent issue of a Baptist magazine of south-wide circulation. I feel sure that the business-managers of these organs do not know nor suspect that virtually all such advertising is bait from publishing sharks: "vanity publishers" they usually are called, because their crooked game depends for success on the vanity of world-be authors. Reliable publishing houses solicit manuscripts only in rare instances, and then from individuals of established success as authors, or individuals who, the publisher has special and substantial reason to believe, would produce a work of certain commercial success. Reliable publishers do not advertise for manuscripts, except on prize offers with specific prescriptions. The necessary terms of honest book-publishing make it impossible for a publisher to consider seriously an unlimited number of offerings. Serious consideration of a manuscript is a complex and rather costly operation.

The game of the publishing-shark is as follows: First, he finds a new author with a book manuscript and desiring a publisher therefore: the quality or value of the work is not an essential consideration. Then Mr. or Mrs. Shark (I know of one vanity house headed by a woman) plays upon the vanity and credulity of the intended victim, assuring him or her that the proposed book, however worthless, has merit and should sell; sometimes even absurd flattery is used. When the victim's expectation is duly primed, the terms of the proposed publication are disclosed: sometimes the disclosure is made in the form of a complete contract ready for the author's signature. The terms involve a supposed partnership in the costs as well as the profits. If the book is ordinary or worse, the hopeful author is deceived into bearing the entire cost of printing and binding, and later will do most of the advertising, which, when adequate, is a major item in all book-publishing. In return for the author's labor and dollars, he is to receive a flattering royalty of, say, forty percent on all sales, Mr. Shark keeping the records. Usually there are few sales to record, except those made by the unfortunate author who is allowed all the copies he desires—if he will pay for them again. If the first edition, which is almost sure to be the last, is one thousand copies (it is likely to be as large as the author's ability and willingness to bite) most of them will never be sold, except to a dealer in junk. Of course, Mr. Shark will do some advertising, since he receives sixty percent of all sales; but he need not worry about results from his small advertising-stake, for he has pocketed all costs in advance. The scheme here described may be varied to fit different cases: in some instances the author escapes with enough skin to grow more. But, in general, the game is as here outlined.

I am writing at such length about this racket because it is a major one, filching many thousands of dollars from poor authors every year. Some are permanently injured by such loss. I myself have never been caught; but, many years ago, a well-known shark house tried to catch me for \$875. For two reasons I was not caught. I know one poor man who lost about \$400 to the woman-headed house. His book appeared with a ridiculously ignorant printing-error in the very first line. That woman, by the way, has been so successful at the vanity-publishing game that she can winter in the South, far from her Boston business and not far from where I live.

Several years ago a magazine for writers exposed at length this racket. The editor's daughter, using an assumed name, sent to several suspected houses manuscripts of her own which she had studiously made worthless and even absurd. Most of these houses praised her work and sought to publish it. The magazine even gave names in its exposure. Yet, the nefarious business still flourishes. For one thing, the shame of the victim at their own gullibility keeps them from making a public outcry. Hence the need for such warnings as mine.

Writers, be sure that no reliable and reputable publisher asks an author for money. No such

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS

By J. R. G. Hewlett

I. Introduction: Meaning of the word Kingdom—Greek *basilia*, royal power, kingship, dominion, rule. The dominion with authority to rule.

II. Origin of His Kingdom:

(1) Daniel 2:40-44; Said it would be set up during the fourth kingdom, the Roman Empire. Christ was born, lived His life, crucified, rose from the dead and ascended during the existence of the Roman Empire, under the Caesars.

(2) John the Baptist preached, Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, Matthew 3:2.

(3) Jesus, being baptized by John, stood praying and a voice from Heaven said, Thou art my beloved son: in whom I am well pleased. Luke 3:22.

(4) He fought the battle in the wilderness with Satan, fasting 40 days. Then the battle royal—Command these stones to become bread; cast yourself down from the pinnacle of the temple; worship me and I will give you all these kingdoms. Satan proposes a Christo-Satanic Kingdom with Satan first.

Jesus refuses this offer and establishes a Kingdom of His own.

And He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sickness, and to cast out devils. Mark 3:15-15. There was a battle started between the subjects of the Kingdom of Christ and the subjects of the kingdom of the devil. This battle will continue until won by the subjects of the Kingdom of Jesus.

III. Nature of the Kingdom of Christ.

(1) Not of this world. Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world, if my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence. John 18:36-37.

(2) Not meat and drink. For the Kingdom of God is meat and drink; but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17.

(3) It is not a political kingdom but a spiritual kingdom.

IV. Location of His Kingdom.

His Kingdom is in the hearts and lives of His people, worldwide. Neither shall they say, Lo here! or Lo there! for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:21.

V. The Kingdom was established by Jesus while in this world.

(1) Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Matthew 16:28.

(2) Mark 9:1, And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the Kingdom of God come with power.

Jesus ordained the twelve and sent them out. Later He sent 70 others into a larger sphere. On the day of Pentecost there were 120 present. Peter preached a great sermon and about 3000 believed and were baptized. In a few more days Peter preaches another sermon, Acts 3:12-26. The priests and the captain and the Sadducees arrested them and put them in prison until the next day. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; And the number of the men was about 5000. They did see the Kingdom come with power. The battle is still raging and the Kingdom continues to grow. Are you doing your part in the work of the Kingdom of Jesus?

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We have taken time to read carefully the book by Dr. P. E. Burroughs, "Fifty Fruitful Years," and in our judgment it is an epoch-marking volume. It tells the story of the origin of the Sunday School Board, along with some efforts previously made along this line.

publisher is willing to list a work that does not promise to pay its own way. Be sure also that no reliable publisher offers a large royalty. Only about twelve percent of all books finally pay costs, and a few of these must bear the loss on the most. There are various costs in successful publishing. All considered, for the author ten percent is fair. —Point Clear, Alabama.

THE RIGHT RING

Dr. D. M. Nelson,
President, Mississippi College,
Clinton, Mississippi.
My dear Dr. Nelson:

I have read with interest your charge to the members of the graduating class of 1941 as reported in The Baptist Record in the issue under the date of June 19th. May the Lord add His blessings to this concise, timely and wise utterance. I think that it reveals your passion for Mississippi College and her graduates in the light of world need and opportunity in a splendid way. Such an ideal and philosophy of life on the part of the president of Mississippi College in this world of turmoil is ample justification for worthy support as a Christian college. Thank you for the statement, and thanks to Dr. Lipsey for putting it in The Baptist Record where it should have been put—on the front page where all might read it.

I simply wanted to express this word of commendation and appreciation to you for a duty well performed.

May the Lord continue to give you of His wisdom for your great work is my sincere prayer.

Faithfully yours,

B. B. Hilbun.

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"THAT FIRST DRINK"

By Louie D. Newton

"Dad, if I just hadn't taken that first drink—"

"There, now Joe, let's not talk about the wreck. You're feelin' better this morning. The nurse tells me you ate a good breakfast. Let's talk about that fishing trip we'll be making just the moment you can get about. See? I brought you along a new reel I bought for you. Keep it here on your table, and think about those bass. Okay?"

"But you see, Dad, it was like this. We were out for dinner that night with Sally's aunt and uncle. Bob and Mary were there, and Sally's aunt served one of those terrible cocktail things before we went in for dinner, and I was trying to be polite and sip the stuff; and up walks Sally's uncle, and he swallowed his cocktail at one gulp and then he says something about drinks for sissies and he goes off and brings out another bottle and pours my glass full and up they all go with the glasses in a toast to Mary's birthday, and they start kiddin' me because I don't drink, and finally I went nuts and drink every drop of the stuff. Then we ate, and they said let's drive to the club and dance. I was so dizzy I couldn't see where I was going.

"Bob was ahead, and when we got to that curve on Club Drive, Sally says don't let Bob leave you like this, and I put my foot on the gas, and when I woke up I was in this cast. . . ."

"See, Joe, this reel is the latest thing, and when you get it working right, we'll get those bass, eh? Now you just quit worryin', and eat like you did this mornin'. I'll be getting on to the office. . . ."

"Say, Dad, why is it none of you will give me any word about Sally? I ask the nurse to go and telephone and tell her to come to see me, and she goes out and comes back, and always it's something about the baseball score or something else. I know Sally would be here if she wasn't mighty sick. Now tell me, Dad, how is Sally?"

"Joe, you're a good soldier, and we've been trying to fool you long enough. The doctor said not to tell you until you were stronger, but I can't go on with the string of lies I've been making up about Sally. Here's the truth, Joe. When the ambulance picked you and Sally up, they found her body crumpled under the car. . . . Sally's gone."

"Dad, you don't mean. . . ."

"Yes, Joe. . . ."

"Come in, Doctor. . . . Yes. . . . I told. . . ."

"You fool. . . ."

"No, Doctor, Dad did right. I knew something was wrong. But why did I take that drink?"

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Dr. L. Bracy Campbell of New Orleans and Mr. Clay Reeves Haire of New Orleans are engaged in revival services with Rev. Fred B. Bookter and the Central Baptist Church of McComb, June 22 to July 2. Sixteen new members were welcomed into the church during the Thursday evening service, June 26.

EDITORIALS

PICTURES OF JESUS

There is hardly a more interesting and informing incident in the life of Jesus than the one about his stop at Jacob's well and the conversation with the Samaritan woman. It is a different environment from any we have had, and hardly like any we may have. It is different from the place of his bringing up in Galilee, and unlike any that he found in Jerusalem. One's character is revealed by being thrust into new and strange places. One's versatility and ingenuity are tested and put to their highest exercise when thrown into a new situation. Many a young man or young woman has found it so. It will make or break the one who is put to the test.

But Jesus was as much at home here as he was at any time or place in his ministry. We have seen Him by the Jordan, at the wedding feast in Cana, in the desecrated temple in Jerusalem, and in the quiet conversation with Nicodemus. Here he is in the land of unfriendly strangers, sitting weary on the well curb, thirsty and hungry after long travel over a hot road and face to face with a soiled woman who felt that she had for once the advantage of Him; and was evidently critical, if not actually hostile.

If ever one can be caught off his guard it is when he is tired, hungry, thirsty and alone. But Jesus was not for a moment disconcerted. He had begun to get accustomed to unfriendly attitudes. Indeed, he knew how to meet them from the beginning. Yes, it was this very thing which brought him into the world. That was his mission.

He was the first to speak. The woman had shown no sign of civility or recognition. She expected no kind look or word from him and did not desire any. She doubtless resented even his presence at the well. She knew he was a Jew, between whom and all her people there was no good will. She had probably brought her pitcher up from the well before either spoke. And then to her surprise he spoke to her, and to her greater surprise he put himself in the way of asking a favor. "Give me to drink." With something of resentment she replied, "How is it that thou, a Jew, asketh drink of me, a Samaritan and a woman?"

This did not provoke Him. He would not be forced into any attitude or expression of resentment, but says with growing tenderness in His voice: "If thou knowest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldst have asked of Him and He would have given the living water." This was an altogether unexpected answer and she is disarmed. She begins to see that he is different. A degree of respect rises in her, for no one can look into His face or hear His voice without knowing that He is superior. Now she addressed him as "Sir", the same word as is many times translated Lord. "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with and the well is deep; whence hast thou that living water?" and her wonder goes further: "Art thou greater than our father Jacob &c?" There is something in Him which provokes the question.

Jesus is glad to have questions asked, though he does not often give a direct answer. He rather says that the water which He gives is different, is satisfying; it will spring up within; it will give its satisfaction inwardly, and permanently, and completely. There are strange stirrings now in her soul, stirrings which she cannot explain. With mingled confusion of mind and yet with some spiritual thirst as we may believe, she asks for what He has to give.

Jesus is searching her soul now, and he will not let her get away until He has revealed her to herself, and revealed himself to her. It cannot be done apart from making her acutely conscious of her sin, for like all others, she is a sinner. He puts his finger on her particular sin. Jesus will never let any man or woman go until the sin is brought to light. He cannot really help them until this is done. The probe goes deep until it finds the place: "Go call thy husband and come hither." It is a deadly thrust. Nay, it is the surgeon's knife that does not stop until the pus sac is pierced. She flinches now. Herebefore she has be-

"NEW ORDER" IN THE WORLD

The world is in sore need of a new order. It is badly out of adjustment. The whole social, economic, political and moral structure is badly out of kilter. And it has been this way for generations. Now and then this condition gets to be acute, and men begin to wonder what can be done to remedy it.

Then comes a diverse assortment of quacks and cranks who propose a "new order." Certainly the old order is bad enough. Justice is not meted out to all. There is not equality of opportunity and the latent resources of nature, including human nature, are not being developed and utilized. Man power is dormant or going to waste. The energies of man and of nature are not being harnessed and used for their appointed tasks. It is not surprising that a Hitler or a Mussolini arises to try to set things right.

It was the abnormal and unnatural condition of the world which gave birth to men like these. They are like the Holy Rollers, the product of degenerate times, which lead men to welcome anything that promises relief or improvement. But there are quack remedies in every department of life, and men in desperation welcome them because they know of nothing better.

"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Yes, there is a remedy for every ill. And there is a new order which will heal men of their moral and spiritual woes. Anybody who reads the Old Testament finds it studded with the promises of God for a "New Order" in the world. Isaiah is "very bold" in declaring it, and his language is inspiringly beautiful in the description of it. Read, for example, the whole of the fifty-fifth chapter.

We quote only a fragment. "I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree. And it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off." The book is full of description of the New Order.

This is just another name for what the Bible calls the kingdom of God. If you will take your Bible or a concordance and look up the word new, you will find ample description of its nature. It is ours to bring it in.

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Will those who have sent articles for publication in the Record please be patient with us. Many articles have been put in type and are ready for publication for which we have not yet found room. They will appear in due time. The type is stacked up in the printing office. Please be patient with us.

gun her remarks to him with "Sir." Not so this time. The pain is too poignant; She sharply says, "I have no husband." Jesus knew all that. That is why he said it; and he shows her that he knows all about her sinful life. She squirms and seeks to start a theological argument on a question in controversy, about the proper place to worship.

This avails her nothing. Jesus takes up the matter of worship and enlightens her mind on that, and all of us. This woman is a sinner, but she is no fool, far from it. She is as quick at learning as anybody. She listens and learns. But what she learns most is about Jesus himself. It is not his teaching, even on so important a subject, that matters. She is studying Him and begins to wonder if—if he may be the Christ. Jesus tells her that he is. She is convinced. This takes possession of her. She forgets everything else. She leaves her water pitcher, thinking no more of it, but only of Him. "Come see a man that told me all things that I ever did. Do you think this could be the Christ?" Others came and were convinced. Here is planted a little colony of hearers right in the enemy's country.

And Jesus turned to the disciples and said, This is the way it is done. The spiritual harvest comes quickly. You don't have to wait. Invisible agencies have been at work. You may take it up and carry it on. And all will rejoice together.

WATCHING GOD AT WORK

One of the most interesting things in the world is watching somebody at work. Children do this with great delight, to see what is going to be done and how it is done. And grown people like it too. It is particularly entrancing to watch somebody work who knows how to do it well. And it is most alluring when we watch somebody doing something or making something that we have never seen before, perhaps something which has never been done before.

God is the Master Artist, and we mean literally artist, one who takes raw materials in hand and with plastic art and deft fingers combines all of these into new forms and figures never seen before. You will recall the words of the Eighth Psalm: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars which thou hast ordained." Here the psalmist is thinking back through the ages and watching the fingers of God as He, like a deft artist, fashions the heavens above us.

You will also recall the words in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews where it is said, "By faith we understand that the world has been framed by the word of God." Here the word for framed is one which depicts an expert, an artist at his work. It is indeed the very word from whose root we get our word "artist." The word is kat-artist-hai. This writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews is watching the Master Artist at His work.

Of course men today can only see as in a mirror God at work in the past. The study of geology reveals Him as He forms the plastic materials into enduring rocks, and shapes them at His will. But the angels have had the privilege of seeing him at work during the processes of creation, and through all the eras of history, they have watched God at His work. They could not foresee the outcome, and patiently waited to see the fulfillment of His design.

Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly realms might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God." The angels are evidently interested in the moral purposes of God as well as in the physical creation. They are watching Him work out His purpose of grace in a world that seems all awry. And Paul says in Romans twelve, "That ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." It is our province to be used of God to demonstrate what is and has been His gracious purpose since the creation of the world.

It often takes the Lord a long time to work out His plans and purposes. There are many factors, many interests involved. Today it is like a puzzle picture, but the product will be according to His design. He worketh all things after the good pleasure of His will. The old prophet said, "Thou art a God that hidest thyself."

Mr. Cowper said:

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

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From Monday, August 18, through Thursday, August 21, the Christian Education Conference and the Association of Bible Teachers will be held in Ridgecrest, N. C. They have a good program.

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**SOUTHERN BAPTIST EMERGENCY WORK
FOR RELIGIOUS WORK IN CAMPS
AND COMMUNITIES**

By J. B. Lawrence

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Carry Christ to Our Camps

That is the slogan for the Southern Baptist Emergency Appeal for \$300,000 for work in the camps and camp communities.

This appeal is made by the state secretaries and the Home Mission Board, working under the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and was approved by the Administrative Committee. It will no doubt strike a responsive chord in the hearts of the fathers and mothers of the boys in the camps.

At the meeting in Nashville, June 10th, the following state secretaries and state representatives were present: Dr. Charles A. Jones of South Carolina; Dr. A. C. Miller for Texas; Dr. B. L. Bridges of Arkansas; Dr. James Merritt of Georgia; Dr. J. W. Dowdy for Kentucky; Dr. F. M. Barnes for Alabama; Dr. Kearnie Keegan and Rev. Frank Stagg for Louisiana; Dr. E. W. Reeder for Illinois; Dr. Sid Strealey for North Carolina; Dr. John D. Freeman for Tennessee; Mr. James R. Bryant for Virginia; Mr. Walter Goodson for Missouri, and Dr. Andrew Potter for Oklahoma. Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, and Maryland were not represented, but we had in hand surveys from these states setting out the needs.

The budget of \$300,000 was made out on actual and careful surveys. Each state secretary made the survey of the camps in his state. He gave the number of camps in his state, the number of men in the camps, and the minimum amount of money needed to meet these needs. Secretaries who did not have large needs in their states wanted in on the program. As one secretary said, "This is not a pork barrel affair where we try to get as much for our state as possible, but a southwide effort to serve our boys in the camps, and while we do not need much in my state, still we want in on the program to help the states who have larger needs."

Where our boys are, there is our responsibility. Over five hundred thousand of them are in army and navy camps. Their religious interests should vitally concern every Baptist. To defend our land at the cost of the loss of the faith of our sons would be a tragic calamity. We must not fail to do our part in keeping the religious fires burning on the hearthstones of their faith.

But to do this we must have money for equipment, for workers and for church houses in strategic locations near the camps. With over seventy-five camps in our territory, with hundreds of thousands of people crowding into camp communities, and more than five hundred thousand men in training in these camps, Southern Baptists face an emergency which can be met only by an emergency offering.

Our whole denomination is yoked up in this undertaking. The Home Mission Board, the State Board of Missions, the churches and the pastors working together, as they are, can meet this emergency. Lay this work on the hearts of your people. Challenge them to give liberally. We face right now no greater task than this.

Large Army Concentrations

Below is a list of the large army concentration camps in the Southern states according to latest information given by the Army; also listed with each camp is the city or town nearby with the 1930 population.

Third Corps

Ft. Belvoir, Va.10,813 Alexandria, Va., 24,000
Camp Lee19,000 Petersburg, Va., 28,000

Fourth Corps

Camp Blanding28,996 Starke, Fla., 1,300.
Fort Benning41,305 Columbus, Ga., 43,000
Fort Bragg39,348 Fayetteville, N. C. 13,000
Camp Beauregard
Camp Livingston ..33,826 Alexandria, La., 23,000
Camp Claiborne
Camp Croft12,000 Spartanburg, S. C.,
28,000
Camp Forrest16,038 Tullahoma, Tenn., 4,000
Fort Jackson33,391 Columbia, S. C., 51,000
Fort McClellan18,636 Anniston, Ala., 22,000

Camp Polk11,800 Leesville, La., 3,000
Camp Shelby32,000 Hattiesburg, Miss.,
13,000
Camp Stewart14,500 Hinesville, Ga., 416
Camp Wheeler11,200 Macon, Ga., 53,000

Fifth Corps

Fort Knox22,709 Rural section

Seventh Corps

Camp Jos. T. Robinson22,386 Little Rock, Ark., 81,000

Eighth Corps

Camp Barkeley13,331 Abilene, Tex., 23,000
Fort Bliss22,144 El Paso, Tex., 100,000
Camp Dewey17,862 Brownsville, Tex., 13,000
Bruce Field
Duncan Field San Antonio, Tex.,
Kelly Field13,506 231,000
Randolph Field
Fort Huachuca5,366 Tombstone, Ariz., 849
Camp Hulen10,827 Palacios, Tex., 1,318
Fort Shil19,373 Lawton, Okla., 12,000
Camp Wolters9,160 Mineral Wells, Tex.,
6,000

In addition to these 29 large camps, there are 62 smaller ones and 29 air bases, flying schools and technical schools—a total of 120 defense training areas in the South with approximately 750,000 men in training.

A DESCRIPTION OF NEED

By E. Godbold

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(Editor's Note: Dr. Godbold here describes spiritual needs in one camp and in the community adjacent to that camp in Missouri. The needs he describes can be multiplied by the seventy-five or more camps scattered throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. In every state the building of military training camps has brought on just such problems as described by Dr. Godbold. These problems Southern Baptists must meet through the emergency offering of \$300,000 on July 27.)

The big problem in Missouri is Fort Leonard Wood at Waynesville in Pulaski County. Our government has already spent or is in the progress of spending \$37,000,000 in the erection of the buildings and equipment for headquarters for the Seventh Army Corps of our national forces. This entire part of our armed forces was moved from Omaha to Pulaski County and dropped down into the Ozarks on the Big Piney River.

The result is that the government has built a city the size of Springfield, Missouri, in that territory where there were only two or three small towns or villages and the usual rural community found in the hills of the Missouri Ozarks.

I was at Fort Leonard Wood yesterday and learned that early in the forenoon 15,000 regulars of the United States Army came into that Fort. The remaining 25,000 of the Seventh Army Corps will be coming in in the next few days.

The government is planning to double the size of the Seventh Army Corps, which means there will be as many draftees brought into Fort Leonard Wood for training as there will be regulars. The estimate now is that there will be not less than 40,000 regulars, making a total of between 70,000 and 80,000 soldiers when they are all in the Fort.

The government estimates that there will be for every ten soldiers seven civilians who will move into that sections. But it matters not what estimate is placed on the newcomers the authorities state unhesitatingly that there will be not less than 100,000 new people moving into Pulaski County and surrounding counties such as Phelps, Laclede, and Texas.

This means that the 30,000 or 40,000 civilians who come along with the soldiers and make up their part of the 100,000 new population in that district must be looked after spiritually by our missionary forces.

The little town of Waynesville that had about 1,000 people six or eight months ago now has approximately 5,000, and the government is telling the city fathers and others interested that plans

must be made for 15,000 population in and near Waynesville.

The towns of Dixon, Crocker, and Richland in Pulaski, along with Waynesville, have full-time churches, that is, have full-time church services, but their equipment in buildings and working force is not adequate. Yet we must depend on these churches to take care of themselves in the face of this responsibility.

There are two or three quarter-time churches and one half-time church right up near the Fort which must receive some help from our mission funds in order to plan more adequately to take care of the people who will be in their churches.

Rolla in Phelps County is perhaps the most immediately needy situation we are facing now so far as our Baptist work is concerned. The building which that congregation has is wholly inadequate and they have not been able to make definite plans for enlargement.

Their working force in the Baptist church is just as inadequate as is their building. Rolla must have some help from some source. Pastor J. W. Jeffries is deeply burdened with the situation. The town had a population of 5,000 last year. It is practically doubled now and will perhaps go larger. The officers' families at Fort Leonard Wood will have their residences, a great many of them, at Rolla and at Lebanon in Laclede County.

We have a full-time missionary in a group of three counties including Phelps County, Brother A. T. Wilkinson, and he is doing especially good work but his hands must be strengthened.

The immediate need in Pulaski County is a full-time district missionary. At present the district missionary is serving as pastor for half time and giving the remainder of his time to district mission work. There are multiplied thousands of people living around Waynesville and on the highways leading to and from Fort Leonard Wood who must be served by us Baptists largely through this missionary.

We must have some man employed by our denomination who will be some sort of a go-between so far as Fort Leonard Wood is concerned, that is, a go-between for the Baptist forces outside the Fort and contiguous territory and the chaplains and other workers inside the Fort. It may not be best to call this man a camp pastor, but we need someone to do this work who will correlate the help to be given for services in the chapels inside the Fort.

We have a permanent committee made up of two members from each district association board in that territory which meets monthly to plan for promoting our Baptist work in that territory. This committee has been meeting monthly since the construction work for Fort Leonard Wood began six months ago. These four district associations—Pulaski, Phelps, Laclede and Texas—are on the job through this committee and are going to do the very best they can, as they see it, to carry their load. Our denomination through our State Board and our Home Board must give them some help.

—BR—

Not long since it was my privilege to be with Morton Baptist Church of Morton, Mississippi, for a series of revival services. The Lord came and blessed the people, as He always does when His people meet the conditions. Several people were saved and came into the church fellowship, others who belonged to some church had the great experience of the new birth. Rev. H. D. Jordan, their pastor, had been busy getting ready for the meeting, and he is a tireless worker. I have known him many years, and he is one of the best men that it has been my privilege to know. His good wife is one of the few preacher wives with a Master of Theology degree. The Lord is using their labors of love in that field. The church people in Morton know how to make a visiting preacher happy. Pastor Jordan plans to enlarge his educational building in no distant future, and his people are following his leadership in an unusual way. May the Lord lead them on.—Slater A. Murphy.

The meeting at Pearson Baptist Church begins July 9, closing July 18. Brother Sewell, pastor, will do the preaching and Mr. Judon will conduct the song services.

A DAY IN ROME

By Plautus I. Lipsey, Jr.

I arrived in Rome on the morning of Thursday, September 12, 1940, after a 24-hour railway trip from Budapest. Of course I was elated over this big gain in my effort to get back to the United States. But I still had plenty to worry about: the ship on which I had a reservation would sail just six days later from Lisbon, and I did not know when I should get to Lisbon.

Before I left Budapest I telegraphed my friend the American consul in Rome to get a place for me on the Rome-Lisbon airplane at the earliest possible date. Previously he had told me that it required an average of two weeks to get a ride on this plane, so I really had slim hopes of catching my boat.

The streets of Rome, bathed in early morning sunshine, were clean and quiet as I rode in a taxi from the station to the Hotel Flora, near an ancient city wall and not far from the American embassy and consulate.

Rome was quiet. Italy had been at war three months and one day. The streets were much quieter, the people more reserved than they had been on my earlier visit on the eve of war. Then the avenues had been bustling with excited folk and colorful with uniforms. Now there were no crowds, and the few persons seen on the streets were very sedate and grave faced.

I had breakfast in a small place on Via Vittorio Veneto and was surprised to be allowed second portions of bread and of sugar. But these foods and the eggs were very expensive.

Shortly after nine o'clock I called at the American consulate to learn what my chances were to reach Lisbon soon. Sleepless for two nights, I was weary and nervous, and not very hopeful. Indeed, I expected to be in Rome at least a week, and that would mean I must seek space on another ship to New York.

The consul was my good friend Gilson Blake, who had been in Rome six years watching the approach of war. He greeted me cordially, then sent for his assistant who looks after airplane passenger accommodations. The assistant brought in a handful of papers and said:

"You are booked for the plane to Lisbon tomorrow morning. You must be at the aviation office in Piazza Esedra at six o'clock in the morning."

This astonishing and excellent news nearly floored me. As I was beginning to understand what it meant, Consul Blake grinned and added: "Tomorrow is Friday the thirteenth. And there are thirteen passengers booked for the trip to Lisbon."

I managed to laugh, and remarked that any day I could get to Lisbon was a lucky day for me.

Immediately I had to get busy. I hastened to the office of CIT (Compania Italiana di Turismo) in the vast and colonaded Piazza Esedra and got my ticket, Rome to Lisbon. It cost one hundred dollars in American currency, and my handful of baggage (when weighed next day) cost eleven more. I had to rush out to the ministry of air, also, to get finally approved for the journey. But before I had been in Rome three hours, my airplane transportation to Lisbon was arranged in detail.

I took lunch in the hotel. The food was deliciously cooked and elegantly served. But there were no expensive cuts of meat. The headwaiter, gracious and graceful, chatted with me in English. The Germans will not talk English, but I found the Italians used my language freely, at the frontier, at the travel office, and in the hotel.

Near my table in the dining room was another table whose people I noticed. A large, old lady was being attended with much deference. When she slowly left the room with her attendants, I observed to the headwaiter, "Looks like Queen Victoria." He replied—"That is a Russian princess."

I looked through the door into the lounge where the elderly princess had been seated in a big chair. She was dressed in heavy black stuff, trimmed with white lace. Her face was dignified and kind.

I looked again a few minutes later. The old princess had laid her head back on the uphol-

stered chair and gone to sleep. Her mouth was open.

In the hot afternoon I tried to sleep, but could not relax. I wrote an air mail letter to my wife, and prepared my baggage. The consul and Mrs. Blake, old friends of ours when we lived in Geneva, had asked me to dinner.

A taxi took me at dusk to the Blake's residence, in a seven-story apartment building. They lived in the topmost apartment, not the best place in case of air attack—I thought as they showed me around the roof terrace. The English had not bombed Rome yet, but Blake thought they might do so any time now. Tonight the serene moon added beauty to the Imperial City—and invited a visit from hostile bombing craft. Once the English planes had visited Rome, dropping propaganda leaflets. The din of anti-aircraft fire had been terrific, and many had been wounded by falling fragments of steel.

I returned to the hotel early, riding through streets lighted only by the moon. Again I worked on my baggage, discarding what I could spare so as to save excess payment. When I went to bed, I still could not sleep, but spent the night tumbling restlessly.

It was ten minutes to five when I quit trying to sleep and slid out of bed. Half an hour more and I was down at the hotel desk. No, I would not wait for breakfast; I was taking no chances on being late to this date on Friday the thirteenth.

The clerk wished me a good voyage. He remarked that the war probably would be over in two months. The Italian and German leaders, he said, did not want it to go into another winter. I pushed aside the heavy curtains that blanketed the door and got in a taxicab.

This time the streets of Rome were quite black, but the driver hurled us along at a frantic speed which did my jumpy nerves no good. Would Friday the thirteenth begin with a street accident? No, we arrived safely at the CIT office in the broad piazza, just before the break of dawn.

There were a lot of nervous, weary, worried-looking people, mostly men, in the office, getting ready to take air passage for Northern Italy, Africa, and Lisbon. My passport was placed by the clerk on the counter with a pile of others, from various countries. A hand reached out and began to rake over the passports, and the clerk protested sharply, an argument ensuing in the Italian language.

After a long wait, the Lisbon passengers filed into a bus. Yes, there were thirteen of us, eleven men and two women. There was a delay before the last man entered. He had an argument with the driver at the door, and I recognized him as the man who had shuffled the passports and argued with the clerk. He came in and sat down by me, immediately beginning to talk, in English.

"My name is Flitch," he said. (I use this fictitious name to convey the idea of "flit" and "itch.")

"I am the thirteenth passenger," he continued. "I have had a terrible time getting reservations on this plane. It looks like some enemies have been trying to block me."

"Are you a Jew?" I inquired. The Italians had just begun to persecute the Jews.

"Well—er—partly," he replied. I looked at him with interest, and decided he had made a very conservative estimate.

"I have been going to medical school for the past three years in Bologna. They have the best cooking in the world in Bologna. My home is in Brooklyn and I am an American. People in Bologna almost ran me ragged with kind attentions. The British will be conquered within two months."

So he rambled on, my new friend who was number thirteen on the passenger list of the Rome-Lisbon plane on this Friday the thirteenth, as our bus swayed through the streets of Rome on the way to the airport.

At the airport, Flitch continued his attachment to me. He occasionally broke away to start a contention with someone, either an Italian airport official or employee—he spoke Italian fluently—or some other passenger. We tried to get some breakfast at the buffet, but I stalled on a hard roll with rancid butter. There was another long delay, while the huge mechanical dragonflies

HELP CARRY CHRIST TO THE CAMP

By J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary
Home Mission Board

There are over 500,000 reasons why every Baptist should be interested in carrying Christ to the camps where our boys are in training for American defense. These reasons are our sons who have been and will be called into service.

We must, as a denomination, do everything in our power to preserve and strengthen the faith of these men. We shirk this responsibility at the price of disaster for the future. Millions of our finest men are now in training and other millions will be in the years to come. The wear and tear of army life on one's spiritual nature is terrific. The Government is making it possible through the chaplains and the facilities furnished to make the camps religious as well as military. But the chaplains must have our help. Spiritual morale must be strengthened and built up. These men must know that the Christian people back home care. There is no better way to show that we care than by giving to the Southern Baptist Emergency Fund for Camp Work.

There are seventy-five camps in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our responsibility to the boys in these camps is direct and insistent. If these boys are left without spiritual care, or concern, to the rough usages of camp life, their faith may be impaired and their spiritual life dwarfed. What a tragedy it would be to defend our land at the expense of the loss of the souls of our men! We must keep the spiritual fires burning on the hearthstone of their faith if we would save them. We must render every assistance possible to the chaplains who are the official spiritual advisers and helpers of the boys in the camps if we would keep the spiritual fires burning.

That is what this campaign for funds is for. It is to carry Christ to the camps. Our land must be saved spiritually as well as physically. Sunday, July 27th, has been set as the day for the offering. Pray for our people that on that day they will remember our boys in training and give that their spiritual needs may be provided for.

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Among the young men in the aviation camp in Jackson is a son of the Maddoxes who are missionaries in Brazil. He is said to be a fine Christian. Last Sunday at the Sunday School of Calvary Church, Jackson, he told of a partial stroke of facial paralysis which came on his father some time ago. More recently he discovered that his ailment was practically relieved. On the day of his relief, his wife said, "Don't you remember that this is the day your name is on the prayer calendar used by the Southwide W. M. U.?" Then someone recalled that on the day that Mrs. J. C. Powell's name was on the calendar, she was rescued from the steamer Zamzam and delivered from the perils of the sea. She is a missionary to Africa. These incidents ought to encourage all who pray for the missionaries on the prayer calendar.

The briefer the news item or the shorter the article for the Record, the sooner it gets in. Our space is limited. Of course we do not ask for brevity that leaves out any essential fact. Send us all the good news.

waited on the runways. At the beginning of the day, all of us were already weary. Everybody looked old. Everybody was nervous and jumpy, but trying to be calm and nonchalant. All but Flitch.

Nobody knew when the plane would start. The starting time is fixed at the last moment by a central authority, so that the enemy may not have knowledge of it. We waited and waited, and the sun grew hot.

At long last, it seemed—though it was not yet eight o'clock—the signal was given for the Lisbon passengers to go through the gates to the runway where a huge monoplane was warming up with a roar for the flight across the Mediterranean and Spain. On its long side it bore the name "Tito." I shall not forget the "Tito."

(To be continued under the title: Friday the Thirteenth.)

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

I

"There is no land like my land beneath the shining sun.
There is no flag like my flag in all the world, not one.
One land, one tongue, one people, and one flag, loyal and true;
And no red shall wave o'er my fair land, Without the white and blue."

II

"When Caesar's legions were building the Roman Empire, it cost Rome about seventy-five cents (our currency) to kill a single enemy.

"When Napoleon Bonaparte was staging his grand effort to bring the world under his bloody heel, cost of killing for the little Corsican averaged about \$3,000 per man.

"When Sherman marched through Georgia, it cost the Union \$5,000 for every Confederate killed.

"When the Germans faced the Yanks in France in 1917, the cost had catapulted to \$21,000 per German dead.

"Latest estimates for the present war tell us that it is costing \$50,000 per corpse!

"Going up!

"It cost only thirty pieces of silver to kill Jesus Christ, but if mankind, since Jesus, had been Christian enough to get rid of war, how much money would mankind have saved—and how much human blood?"

III

The Mississippi Baptist Executive Committee of the Convention Board voted unanimously to participate in "The Southern Baptist Emergency Appeal for Religious Work in Camps and Communities." A south-wide financial objective of \$300,000 is set up for the special offering in all Baptist churches Sunday, July 27th. The Executive Committee set a goal of \$15,000 for Mississippi Baptist churches on this day. This money is to be divided 50-50 between the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Baptist Home Mission Board. Every penny from the 50% retained by the Convention Board is to go into work at the Training Camps of every kind, and defense projects, as far as the money provided will go.

While the committee will have a meeting later to give the plan definite shape, it is thought likely that a department in this sphere will be created with someone in charge under the Convention Board office and other workers will be added according to money provided. All sorts of literature will be distributed. A worker may be transferred from an existing department into this field of work. The use of a tent was discussed, though no decision was made. It was felt this would be more economical and more easily moved in case an environment might come to demand it.

Envelopes will be mailed to the churches immediately for this special offering on Sunday, July 27th.

All Mississippi Baptists will want to help take Christ to the boys in camp.

IV

In delightful fellowship at Houston for a few days. Pastor W. C. Stewart has had a great 17-year pastorate there, ably assisted by his family members. Great folks.

Several for baptism. They have additions all along. Had four conversions in VBS, and two additions the Sunday before.

They kept fruits, flowers, cold drinks and electric fans in the room for us. Who couldn't rest and relax under those circumstances?

V

Kiwanis Club, Jackson, had as guests the ministers of the churches. Good program, fine fel-

lowship. Mr. Isidore Dreyfus, our host.

Good to be back in Philadelphia for an hour with friends—at wedding of Miss Iva Dee Wiggins. She had been away for some years in school and State work. Fine folks.

Mississippi College Alumni Association largely attended. Dr. Dobbins, genial toastmaster. Dr. Nelson made a ringing speech, and Dr. Provine honored.

Brief message before Houston Exchange Club. Enjoyed a service at Clear Creek Church, Lafayette County. Dr. Hewlett brought a great practical message on The New Testament Church.

Pastor R. D. Pearson, Macon, speaks in flowing terms of the V. B. S. just closed over there. In one service some 15 boys and girls made public professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Doxology!

Dr. J. D. Ray reports two for baptism at Starkville at the regular service the Sunday before this is written. He is still happy in the memory of 98 baptisms last year. Doxology again!

VI

When leaders in the church and denomination agree the hearts of the people rejoice. They follow!

When leaders in the church and denomination disagree, the people wonder. They hesitate. Sometimes scatter.

Some Book speaks of "Unity."

A God great enough to take men out of the gutter and make them into saints is great enough to make men see "eye to eye" in matters of His work.

We saw brethren dwell together and work together in harmony in the church for many years. Of course, self-seekers were not in the ascendancy.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms 133:1. Doxology!

VII

"The Living Christ in the Life of Today"—the Baptist radio sermons—now in book form is at hand. All are glad it is out. Dr. Truett's great sermon on "Suffering" will ease many a heart pain. Dr. Johnson on "Christ and His Church" exalts Christ and magnifies His church.

"A Quest For God" by R. C. Campbell is a refreshing book of sermons, gripping attention titles. "Kept by the Power of God" by J. W. Phillips is a volume of helpful sermons—some strongly evangelistic.

Each book \$1.00 at our Book Store.

VIII

STATE MISSIONS: Here comes an appeal from a constructive minded pastor on a great field for help in handling a great defense project company of people.

Only Mississippi Baptists will really help solve that problem. What will we do about it?

STATE MISSIONS: Here comes an appeal from a fine pastor we knew in Mississippi College days. Not a Baptist church for many square miles in that section between two trans-state Federal highways.

Only Mississippi Baptists can go in there to do the thing that needs to be done.

What will we do about it?

STATE MISSIONS: Here comes a request from a fine rural pastor asking for a revival date. He suggests the need for your Secretary going to the rural churches. Oh, how true that is! But there is one Executive-Secretary-Treasurer in Mississippi and about 1200 rural churches.

We have some folks telling us to slow down! We have others insisting that we "come to them."

(You keep on telling us to "come" and with the Lord's help we will get there sooner or later.)

We went in about ten churches in Tishomingo County in April—mostly rural. Great time! The next week we went into some six churches in Jackson County. Great time!

We can get in more churches in less time in county campaigns.

What will we do about these rural churches as Mississippi Baptists?

BR

Thousands of friends gathered in Gulfport last week to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of Senator Byron Patton Harrison, who had served his state for 20 years in the United States Senate, having previously served in the lower house. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and the pastor at Gulfport used as a text for the funeral

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

New Hebron

Rev. B. E. Phillips is chairman of Evangelism for Lawrence County. And he works at the job. For the fifth Sunday in June he planned a meeting in every church in the county. We were assigned to New Hebron. As always, the people gave us a good hearing as we spoke on the Call of Evangelism.

Lawrence County now has Record readers as follows: Old Hebron 2; Jayess 1; MONTICELLO 86; NEW HEBRON 55; NOLA 30; Oakvale 2; Old Silver Creek 7; SHILOH 41; Wanilla 1; Rt. 1, New Hebron 1; CALVARY 35.

Lexie

Hurrying from New Hebron we were just in time to speak to the Walthall County Fifth Sunday meeting. They met with Lexie church. Rev. J. B. Ray is pastor, and he says the people at Lexie church are perpetual workers. We heard many compliments on the excellent lunch served by the Lexie saints.

We found a church full of people, and Dr. W. R. Cooper, Tylertown pastor, making a better Baptist Record speech than we could make.

We spoke on "Evangelism" by request of the committee.

Most of the county pastors were present.

We also heard that Walthall county was practically over the top on its Now Club quota.

Walthall county has Record subscriptions listed as follows: Crystal Springs 8; KNOXO 14; LEXIE 24; Tylertown 16; New Zion 2.

The boys in camp need the Record. Mississippi Baptist churches should send the Record to their members in camp. Either add their names to your EVERY FAMILY list or send \$1.00 to the Baptist Record with their name and address. We will send the Record for eight months for the dollar.

STRONG TESTIMONY

We heard one of our strongest pastors say last week that his church could not possibly get along without the state Baptist paper. Another pastor said that his church, which had the Baptist state paper in the budget, decided to try one year without it. The financial receipts decreased to such an extent that they put the paper back in the budget the next year, and the receipts increased again. The cost of placing the paper in the budget is less than the gain in contributions which comes from an informed and enlisted membership. We ought to put the Baptist paper in the budget on the same basis as Sunday school literature.—Editor E. C. Routh.

discourse, "If any man would be first among you, let him be servant of all." It was indeed a great privilege he enjoyed to have served for a whole generation in so responsible a position. It is said that sixty members of Congress attended the funeral, also the Vice President of the United States and other officials from Washington; besides most of the State officials from Jackson. May our heavenly Father comfort and guide those who are bereaved by his going.

Picayune: The church is fortunate in having as our leaders in the revival, Rev. Francis Horton, of Columbia, to preach; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Love, Jackson, to lead our music and other phases of revival activities. They will come to us Monday the 30th, to remain through the 10th of July. Business places have agreed not to open until 8 each morning, that all may have an opportunity to attend the day services. Great need, white field, encouraging interest up to the present. When you think of us do it with a prayer.—O. P. Estes, Pastor.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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Mississippi friends will be interested in this news item:

"On June 15, Rev. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick and their two daughters, Kathleen and Betty Jean, arrived in Boston aboard the S. S. West Humshaw, for their regular furlough in the homeland. Just now they can be reached through the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond and later their furlough address will be given in The Commission. Mr. McCormick is principal of the Baptist College in Iwo, Nigeria, and Mrs. McCormick is a missionary nurse. They have done outstanding work among the lepers in West Africa."

Miss Edwina Robinson left Jackson last Sunday night with more than 30 Y. W. A.'s for Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp. A note from her reports a good trip along the way and a fine Camp in progress. We will hear more from them when they return.

Excerpts from a communication from our Southern Union President, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, that will be of interest to many of our readers:

"The entire constituency will rejoice in the announcement that Miss Mary Nelle Lyne will be released by the Kentucky W. M. U. to become teacher of the Missionary Education classes and Personal Evangelism and director of the W. M. U. field work of students at W. M. U. Training School. With an M. A. degree from Columbia University with a major in education and with an unusually rich experience as teacher, missionary and W. M. U. secretary she seems eminently well qualified to inspire young women with love for missions and to train them in fundamentals of leadership. She will also become W. M. U. representative, giving the summers to such field work as is planned for her. During the school year she will be available for limited engagement at examination times when she will be freed from meeting her classes. She will continue with the Kentucky W. M. U. until September when she takes up her duties at the school. We should be much in prayer for the Kentucky work and the choice of her successor there. It is a further joy to anticipate, as was announced at the May meeting, the beginning with September of the service of Miss Mary Christian in general field work as W. M. U. representative.

"Attention is called to the fact that a slight error was made in the statement concerning the lease of the property at 334 East Broadway but we are happy that the terms concerning the privilege of the renter to buy are better than the statement indicated. Please correct the sentence beginning 'The renter also has the privilege of buying' to continue to read: 'the property during the first ten years at \$160,000, during the second ten years at \$175,000, during the third ten years at \$200,000 and during the next twenty years at \$225,000.' Unfortunately I did not have a copy of the lease in hand when making the statement and trusted a letter which contained the statement recorded, but the terms were amended in making the lease, to the greater advantage of our interests in the property. How grateful we are for this splendid return on the Endowment and Enlargement Fund since we may now consider the property at 334 East Broadway as a part of that fund to which we pledged ourselves in the Oklahoma City meeting to return the \$145,000 drawn upon for enlargement in plans for erection of the new building for the school. How marvelous it is that in the providence of God the new building is completely paid for and the assets represented in the Endowment and Enlargement Fund are greatly enhanced. We are grateful that special gifts and furnishings continue to be received, our constant hope being that all needs will be met so that the authorized loan for this purpose by our magazines and Literature Department may be quickly repaid."

P. O. Box 350, Shameen,
Canton, South China,
April 23, 1941.

Dear Dr. Maddry,

Thank you for two good letters, the last of which contained a check for \$50.00, the gift of Mr. ——. I greatly appreciated this very generous gift, and a letter of thanks, and a receipt for the money has already gone to Mr. ——. I thank you, too, because I know that you were instrumental in securing this gift for "my babies." Your letters do me a world of good—if you could just know how much, I am sure that you would feel repaid for the time it takes to write them. Very especially did I appreciate the air-mail letter of February 7. It gave me a new courage to go on with a difficult task.

God is good to so abundantly supply our needs for feeding the children. The wonderful fulfillment of the promise that 'the barrel of meal shall not waste, nor the cruse of oil fail' has done much to strengthen my own faith, and I can go on with this work indefinitely, knowing that the children will be fed. I do thank you for the publicity that you have given the work, and the way in which you have laid the needs on the hearts of the people.

How I wish that you could see the children in the kindergarten and my group of wee babies. We now have about ninety or more children in the kindergarten, and the baby group has grown to approximately forty. These little babies are getting a bowl of good, warm milk every morning, and it is providing to be such a blessing to them. Many of them will live and grow into normal, happy children because of the love that is being showered upon them by you friends at home. The children who have been with us for several months, have improved wonderfully since they have been getting better food. Some of them are almost like normal children now, and all of them have shown improvement. With improving health, they are learning fast, and it would do your heart good to hear them sing His praises and repeat Bible verses by the score. In saving these little lives we are also saving them for service. Their mothers, too, are learning something of what the love of Jesus means, and over and over I hear different ones of them say: "Surely, this is the love of Jesus." Pray for us that we may be able to show His love to these suffering people, many of whom cannot understand the Word as it is preached to them. I am so happy in this work. It causes heart-aches—many, many heart-aches, and sometimes the problems are so many, and so big that it seems as if there just isn't any way out, but God is filling my life so full, and giving me such joy in service and such abiding peace in my heart, that the hard things just don't seem to count. I can honestly say that I would rather be here in Canton at this time than anywhere else in the world. I am not planning to leave. Sometimes I think that I can accomplish more in one year now, in conditions such as we have, than I can in five years ordinarily. If you could just see the eagerness with which the children devour the food that we set before them; the smiles that appear on the faces of the babies when they see their milk being brought; the gratitude of helpless mothers who had lost all hope of saving the lives of their children, you would understand really how worth while it all is. Those who have never had the joy of giving food to a starving child have missed a great deal out of life. Thanks to all our friends, we have a nourishing, varied 'menu' now. We have fresh, green vegetables, fish, meat, peanuts, milk and cod-liver oil in addition to the regular rice porridge. Isn't that FINE? Come and have a meal with us! Cod-liver oil and milk are on the 'bill of fare' every day, and we alternate with the other 'delicacies.' With the special gifts

that have come to me, I am also able to provide milk for the children and babies in the hospital. Hospital funds are not sufficient to provide for this very expensive necessity, so I am so glad that I have enough so that the sick children and little babies in the hospital may have all the milk they need. Our friends will be happy to know that they are helping in this way.

While I rejoice that some of our children are getting more nourishing food, my heart aches because of the thousands of little ones in this great city who are not being cared for. There are so many more whom I would like to reach, but it has not, as yet, been possible. I am sure that the money would be provided if other difficulties could be removed. If I could only get more help, I could do so much more, but very few of our Chinese workers will come to Canton. I have only one girl helping me, and I have done everything I know to do to try to get more help, but without success. If I just had the competent help, I could do for the children at all of our feeding centers what I am doing here at Tung Shan. The situation does not improve. We have just as many, if not more, hungry, destitute people than we have ever had. The number of people that we are caring for has been drastically cut, but it was not because of the fact that the need is not so great as it once was. Neither was it done with the sanction of Dr. and Mrs. Hayes and myself. It is almost breaking our hearts because the people are being turned away without food, and it is so unnecessary. We rejoice that Mr. Gallimore is coming to help us. Please pray for us all, that we may not turn away one single person who needs our help. Pray that we may be true to the trust, and wise stewards of the money that has been entrusted to us.

Please give my love to Mrs. Maddry, and express my appreciation to all the friends who love "my babies." I am writing a personal letter of thanks to each one who sends a gift of money. All of us—the kindergarten children, the wee babies, their mothers and I—want to say: 'Thank you' to you for your big heart of love that encircles us all, and for the courage you give us to go on and do our best when the days are hard.

Gratefully yours,

(Signed)

LYDIA GREENE.

—BR—

Miss Carolyn Madison of the state Sunday school department was with us in Enterprise the week of June 16th through 20th. A very successful V. B. S. was held in the mornings. Practically every child in the community was enrolled in this school. There was an average attendance of forty-nine. Excellent help was furnished by the local church. The mission offering which was taken each day was sent to the State Mission office to be applied on Mississippi Baptist debts. The boys and girls received much pleasure in participating in this great movement. A majority of the Sunday school officers and teachers met each night to study "Sunday School Officers and Their Work." These workers adopted the Standard of Excellence as a program of work for their Sunday school.—Sollie I. Smith, Pastor.

Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis: Pastor W. S. Allen reports Vacation Bible Schools and revivals in both churches, the school being held in the mornings with evangelistic services in the evenings. Brother John Farmer and wife did fine work with the children and in the singing. He also brought scriptural, pointed and practical messages at night. At Bay St. Louis Mrs. W. W. Stockstill, Mrs. R. D. Robbins and Mrs. W. C. Morgan were particularly helpful, as were Mrs. Eugene Necaise, Miss Mildred Lundy, Miss Carolyn Griffith and Miss Goulding at Pass Christian. Pastor Allen believes the work done in these two churches will bear fruit in the years to come. The people are grateful for the leadership of Brother and Sister Farmer.

COLUMBUS, FIRST CHURCH

In the May 15th edition of The Baptist Record a list of 100 Mississippi Baptist churches was published, giving their numerical strength and the amounts they contributed last year to the Co-operative Program. The First Baptist Church, Columbus, on that basis rated thirtieth down the list.

Since this church ranks third largest in the state in point of membership, and since it occupies an important position in its relation to the Baptists of Mississippi because of its ministry to the Baptist students attending college at M. S. C. W., an explanation of its comparatively weak support of the Co-operative Program is in order.

The following facts, taken from the records of this church for the year ending June 1, 1941, will give a more accurate picture of what the church is really doing for the kingdom of Christ and for our denominational program:

Additions last year by letter, 171; by baptism, 118; total, 288. Total student membership, 445.

Total contributions to all purposes, \$23,076.81, distributed as follows: Building fund, \$7,109.20; local current work, \$8,352.81; radio broadcast of worship services, \$652.50; denominational causes, \$3,962.16; social evangelistic crusade, \$2,999.64.

The total amount contributed to denominational causes was distributed as follows: Hundred Thousand Club, \$246.75; Five Thousand Club, \$115.76; Orphanage, \$184.18 (cash and not including evaluation of boxes of materials); Relief and Annuity Board, \$114.00; Baptist Student Union, M. S. C. W., \$949.53 (not including donations of cash and equipment made direct The Baptist Workshop, our Baptist student center); British Baptist Missions Emergency, \$195.65; Chinese Relief, \$6.60; ministerial education, \$43.00; special to State Missions, \$312.91; Special to Foreign Missions, \$548.54; Special to Home Missions, \$390.00; Special to aged ministers, \$7.75; Special White Cross offering, \$18.30; Special to Baptist Bible Institute, \$11.00 Co-operative Program, \$826.44.

During the last twelve years this church has contributed to its educational building and equipment a total of approximately \$135,000.00, one fourth of which was made necessary in order to take care of its M. S. C. W. student constituency, or \$33,750.00. That is a conservative estimate, and the church considers it a legitimate state-wide responsibility. Such provision for students in college centers is generally recognized by the denominations, including our own, as a proper State Mission obligation. This church assumed that obligation on its own initiative, and considers it along with its support of the local B. S. U. program perhaps its most outstanding single contribution to the cause of Christ and to our world-wide denominational program. On that basis it would be fair to add to the above total to denominational causes at least \$2,500.00 for the year just ended, bringing the full total to \$6,462.16 for the year, or about 31 per cent of its total contributions to all purposes.

The necessity of taking care of a large student constituency imposes upon a local college church a very abnormal situation, and forces upon it unusual adjustments in the arrangement of its budget. Students

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST NOW CLUB

FRANK E. SKILTON, General Chairman

A PROGRAM OF PERSEVERANCE

Address of Owen Cooper, over WJDX, May 25

ADDRESS OF OWEN COOPER OVER WJDX, MAY 25

Some years ago certain qualifications were set as minimum requirements for the standardization of educational institutions. At that time, Mississippi Baptists owned and operated three senior colleges. Then and during the years that followed, these schools were contributing in a marvelous way to the educational, cultural and spiritual life of the state. To have failed to standardize these institutions would have been the same as closing them, and no one was willing that these fountains of blessings should be cut off at their sources.

Standardization required not only making many physical improvements in buildings and equipment but it also meant increasing endowments. This required large sums of money. In fact, approximately two million dollars. A portion of this was incurred by Mississippi Baptists, a debt, or rather an "investment" in Christian manhood and womanhood.

This happened back in the early twenties. During the "years of plenty" that followed, Mississippi Baptists reduced this "investment" annually and was well on the way toward a complete liquidation of all accounts when the crash came.

As income decreased so did receipts to the State Baptist Convention Board; as receipts decreased so did the money available to pay on the Convention's "investments."

During the thirties, small progress was made on the retirement of the balance due and with the turn of the decade Mississippi Baptists were faced with outstanding obligations in excess of \$500,000.

The wisdom exercised in making these investments cannot be questioned. Mississippi Baptists have institutions whose value in property, equipment and endowment is in excess of three million dollars. For years these institutions have been a source of unending blessing to the spiritual life of the state and to the welfare of countless thousands of young men and young women. It was good investment then, it is a sound investment now. There is a need, however, to liquidate this "investment" in the next few years.

The plan to be followed is simple. Eleven thousand Mississippi Baptists are joining together in a "Now Club," a Gideon Band, or minute men, so

add a great deal to a church's opportunity, but little or nothing to its financial strength. In the case of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, nothing at all for the total financial contribution of M. S. C. W. students is divided between the local B. S. U. support and the Co-operative Program. Let no one get the impression that this great church is not fully and sympathetically a co-operating church in the great program of our Baptist people, in both their state and southwide enterprises.

J. D. Franks.

Since copy for The Baptist Record must be in the editor's hands not later than Saturday morning, we will announce the churches that went over the top last Sunday and prior thereto, in next week's Record.

to speak. They are pledging to give, within the next three years, amounts from one dollar per month, upward. Six thousand are being asked to give \$36.00 within a three year period; 1,000 are to give \$50.00; 1,000 are to give \$100.00; 200 are to give \$250; 100 are to give \$500; and 50 are to give \$1,000. This variation of amounts will make it possible for those able to give large amounts to have a large share in liquidating the "investments" and it will also make it possible for those less able to still share in the worthwhile undertaking.

A state-wide organization has been set up. The state has been divided into two zones. Each zone into four districts and each district is made up of several associations. Association goals have been worked out and each church in the association has a goal. In each church, there is a local Church Chairman and Woman's Missionary Union Chairman.

The organization has enrolled over three thousand laymen and laywomen from every section of every county in Mississippi to do this job. Many persons with small incomes are making sacrificial offerings for this cause; and many with large incomes are doing their part.

This campaign will succeed. Evidence of its ultimate success is mounting on every hand. It will succeed because Mississippi Baptists want to liquidate their outstanding obligation. The desire is in the heart of all; and the desire is strong enough to prompt sacrifice in order to attain success.

This campaign will succeed because Mississippi Baptists are able to discharge these obligations. Money is flowing relatively free now; incomes are up; salaries are up; wages are up; and recent legislation gives promise to a substantial increase in in price of cotton this fall. Farmers, workmen, professional men, teachers, clerical workers; all will be in a position to help in this campaign. Truly, Mississippi Baptists are now able to pay these obligations, but by paying them now, rather than have the bonds mature according to schedule, there will be an interest saving

WHY IT EXCELS

My first impression of Mississippi College came when I met and later learned to know several alumni of the institution. These men, in learning and in spirituality, seemed to excel their fellows. Surely Mississippi College had had a great deal to do with their being exceptional, I thought.

Since coming to the college last August, I have learned to some extent why Mississippi College men excel out in the world. I believe they

of \$300,000, money which is sorely needed for other Christian work. We pay one dollar now and save sixty cents in interest.

Also by paying these obligations now we shall be relieved of the annual service charge used for this account and this money can be put into expanding denominational activities. Additional work needs to be done among 6,000 Baptist college students; cooperation with Negroes needs expanding; scores of small churches need a helping hand; many mission fields in the state are "white unto the harvest," but "how can they hear if no one is sent"; additional workers are needed throughout the entire southland and the nation to carry the message of salvation through Christ. At present a burden of financial obligations keeps Mississippi Baptists from doing much of this needy work.

Following the war, additional evidences of its horror and tragedy will stand before us. There will be countless mouths to be fed. Already our nation is making preparation to aid in that gigantic task. There will be millions of miserable creatures clad only in the blood-stained tatters of wasted garments to be clothed; already our government is making plans to help clothe the cold and naked. There will be thousands of the lame, the halt, and the blind, longing for the healing ministry of a physician's care; plans are now under way to provide this essential medical attention. But most of all there is going to be a hemisphere of dwarfed spirits and distorted souls, torn by hate and motivated by revenge; a hemisphere hungry for the comforting presence of God. Spiritually, parched lips will utter a cry from an impoverished soul "Show us the Way, the Truth and the Life."

When the day of peace comes, and may God grant its immediate arrival, shall we, as Mississippi Baptists, still be using our energies and resources to care for obligations we long since could have retired; shall we be dissipating our energies in a task we long since should have completed; or shall we discharge this obligation "now," while we are able and willing, so that when the opportunity comes to "go into all the world and preach and teach" we can be ready and join with all Christendom working for a realization of that ultimate Christian goal, "peace on earth and good will toward all men."

excel, first, because of the background of the fine Christian homes from which most of them come, and, second, because of what they learn at Mississippi College.

Mississippi College is not perfect, mind you, being located in an imperfect world. But I do honestly believe that of all the colleges of the south, Mississippi College is most nearly living up to the three-fold standard of a well-rounded educational program, viz., the mental, spiritual, and physical development of its students. —Prof. Chas. W. Horner.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

THE GOSPEL COMES TO EUROPE

Bible Lesson: Acts 15:36-18:21

Introduction. We are to begin today the following in the footsteps of Paul in the journey which brought the gospel to the continent of Europe. Paul proposed to revisit the churches which he and Barnabas had seen grow into existence as the fruit of their labors on the first missionary journey. It was while they were in preparation for this second missionary or Journey of Paul that there occurred the separation of Paul and Barnabas, and their bone of contention was young John, also called Mark, a nephew of Barnabas. Mark had left Paul and Barnabas at Perga in Panphylia and had returned to his mother in Jerusalem. He seems to have deserted the older men because he was afraid of the hardships of the journey and the work which lay ahead. Now he was willing to go with Paul and Barnabas again, but Paul was afraid of him, that he might desert them in a crisis again, while Barnabas was all for giving Mark a chance to make good. When Paul would have none of Mark, Barnabas took him and went on a missionary journey to Cyprus, and thus dropped out of the story, while Paul took Silas and began his journey around the eastern end of the sea, in the course of which journey they reached Lystra, where Paul found Timothy, who became to the party what Mark would doubtless have been had Paul allowed him to come along. This young man Timothy became a great man for God in his section of the world. Of course he did not foresee that he was to be the companion in labor of the greatest of all the missionaries, but he did lead a good, well-ordered, temperate life, he did submit himself to a rigorous course of training in the word of God; he did get ready for a great work, and then the work came, and he did it.

I. Journeying Toward the Goal. Acts 16:6-9.

Paul and his party did not take to boat at the beginning of this great journey, but went around the north-eastern corner of the sea into Asia Minor. They revisited the scenes of Paul's previous labors and sufferings. Unto each congregation they visited they delivered a copy of the decree of the council at Jerusalem, declaring that the Gentiles might be free from the observance of Jewish ceremonies and be in fellowship with the Christian brotherhood.

While he was revisiting the fields of his former labors, Paul began to be bothered by the problem of the field of his future labors. He decided he would love to go up into the Roman province of Asia, but the Lord indicated to him that such was not the plan of God. Then Paul went on, thinking to find a fruitful field somewhere near at hand. Thus thinking, he came opposite Mysia whence he tried to go into Bithynia, but again the Lord said "Not there." So Paul kept going forward in the direction which the Lord did not forbid him to follow. I suppose this is a good rule to follow. If you do not know which path God wants you to walk in, walk in the one which He

does not forbid you. If you do not know exactly which good work for Him, God wants you to do, do the one which He has not forbidden. So Paul came down to the sea at Troas. II. The Lord Leads to Europe. V. 10-12:

Verse 9 tells of the vision and the voice which came to Paul in the night at Troas. It seems that he and the other members of his party talked over all the events which had occurred, and came to the conclusion that the voice of the vision was the voice of God calling them into Macedonia. Hence they sailed away from Troas just as straight as they could go to Macedonia. The voyage led them by the island of Samothrace where they seem to have spent the night, the day after being consumed by the voyage to Neapolis, the seaport of Philippi. Whither they went up without delay. Here now is the Lord's man on the Lord's field.

III. Triumphs and Tribulations in Philippi. Acts 15:13-40.

1. Lydia: A typical convert. Vv. 13-15.

(a) The first convert in Europe was an able woman of the world of business, a high-type, intelligent executive.

(b) A devout, religious woman. How she came to be attending a Jewish place of prayer we can only guess, though it seems most reasonable to suppose that she had come to know somewhat of the God of the Jews and that she had concluded that the Jewish conception of God was the most reasonable and comforting that she had met with anywhere.

(c) She practiced the fine art of paying attention to the religious message. She behaved in church, took part in the services.

(d) The Lord was gracious to her. He opened her heart that she might understand.

(e) She was saved, as evidenced by her subsequent conduct in her 1. Being baptized. 2. Winning her household to faith in the Lord. 3. Entertaining the missionaries so that they had a home from which to operate.

2.—The Demonized Maiden. Vv. 16-19.

The poor girl was in the grip of some infernal power which spoke through her, no doubt, with more than mortal shrewdness. She was slave to a number of men who exploited her unhappy condition to their own profit. Her crying after the missionaries troubled Paul, so he commanded the evil spirit to come out of her, and that spirit being subject to the power of the Lord operating at the command of Paul, came out of her and left her in her right mind, free from slavery to the force of evil.

3.—Suffering and Shouting. Vv. 19-26:

Paul had interfered with a lucrative business driven by the owners of this poor slave girl, and so he got into trouble. You have noticed that some men will stoop to any level to get money. They will prostitute womanhood, debauch manhood, murder bodies and destroy souls—do anything for money. Here they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the rulers of the city, where they brought a lot of lying accusations against them as a result of which Paul and

Silas were severely whipped, cast into jail and made fast in the stocks. Paul was a man without influence enough to keep him out of jail, but with so much power at his command that he could not be kept in jail. While he was in the Lord, the Roman Empire could not break his spirit of entire dependence upon the Lord and joyous optimism in Him. So he said to Silas, "As a matter of fact, now, do you not think we ought to hold a thanksgiving service?" I wish there were space for me to enumerate the things which might have deterred Paul from holding such a service.

4.—The Earthquake and the Jail Delivery. Vv. 26-34:

Paul and Silas sang and prayed, and the power of God laid hold of jail and jailor. What would have happened had Paul not prayed? Had Silas not sung? Would God have moved to deliver? The jail door was opened, the shackles were loosed from the limbs of the prisoners. The jailor was shaken out of sleep, and seeing the door of the jail open supposed that the prisoners had escaped, and knowing that his own life would be forfeit, drew his sword to kill himself, when Paul interrupted, begging him to do himself no harm, for his prisoners were all on hand. Right about this point in the story, the jailor became convicted of his sin.

1. He realized that he was unfit to stand before God, that he was lost. 2. He got a deep, burning desire to be saved. 3. He got a conviction that Paul and Silas knew the way of salvation. 4. He became willing to settle the question of his salvation at once. Hence his question, "Masters, what must I do to be saved?" And Paul made answer meet, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved." Tell the class what it means to believe, what Paul meant by "the Lord," and what he meant by "Jesus," and the teaching is complete.

—BR—

"Freddie, can you tell the class what a saw horse is?"

"I ain't sure, ma'am, but I guess it's the past tense of sea horse."

—BR—

PROGRESS IN RETIREMENT PLAN

Nearly 5,000 pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention have their membership in the Ministers Retirement Plan of their State and these pastors have under their care approximately 7,000 churches, which churches are contributing monthly to the State Reserve Fund from which a large share of the retirement benefits of the members of the Ministers Retirement Plan are to be drawn.

Remember that there are thousands upon thousands of churches that have not begun to make contributions to this reserve fund just as there are thousands of pastors who have not enlisted in the plan.

Enormous results have been had in the work of enlistment, but the task is a very great one yet to enlist the remaining preachers and churches. Let there be definite action on the part of pastors and churches during the month of June and report the same to your State Secretary with the first month's dues to be transmitted to Dallas. Don't delay, brethren, for delay is costly and sometimes it is even disastrous.

Yours in Him we love,

D. A. McCall,
Executive Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE TRAINS MEN

Mississippi College is first and foremost a Christian College. For more than a century, this great institution has stood for the things that go to make up Christian character in the lives of young men.

It is my task, not to give the history of Mississippi College, but rather to tell, from a personal viewpoint, what Mississippi College has done in the way of religious training during my four years here.

As to leadership, this institution cannot be surpassed, that is, with men who have character and desire not only to teach books but desire to teach individuals. Possibly no one faculty member could be pointed out as the best, but rather all seem to be working toward a common end. The biology teacher, with the chemistry teacher, along with the heads of the psychology, mathematics, and history departments, all teach with the idea in mind that all learning should teach one just a little more about the Creator of this great universe.

As to organization, the work is centered around the local Baptist Church. The organization on the campus around which and through which all other religious organizations function is the B. S. U. (Baptist Student Union). If one is a minister on the Mississippi College campus, and belongs to the Ministerial Association, he is also a member of the B. S. U. This also holds true if one belongs to the Sunday School, to the noon-day prayer meeting group, or one of the thirteen B. Y. P. U's.

—Young Gerrard.

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A Mission Lesson

The quotation below proves the worth of Sunday School lessons on missions:

"This is a special offering for one of our most worthy missionaries, as a result of our Sunday School lesson on World Missions, June 8th. Am asking you to send the most worthy missionary on our fields, and with your receipt send me the name of the person to whom it goes."

Mrs. W. M. Moore,
Chunky, Miss.,

Mt. Pleasant Church, Newton Co.

Great Testimony

Rev. J. W. Sturdivant, Merigold, Miss., says: "We are this week having the best Vacation Bible school at Merigold that we have ever had. At mid-week we have 72 present and others are to come. Are using some college students as teachers and they are proving excellent help. I want to say to all pastors that the Vacation Bible school will help your church, help your Sunday school, help your prayer service, and build up the attendance at the B. T. U. services."

New Schools

Mr. L. H. Temple, association Sunday school superintendent of Panola Association, says that they have recently organized a new Sunday school with 42 present to start and also five teachers.

That is the only way to reach many of the people yet unreached. It won't be done in our present schools, new ones must be organized to get them. Mr. W. B. Lowry, Lauderdale Association, also reports two new schools organized in that association. That's work that counts.

Blessings on all those who work to organize new schools to reach new people.

New Book Out

Word has just come to us from Nashville that the new textbook on the Six Point System is now out and ready for use. The book has been re-written by Miss Emma Noland, of the Department of Sunday School Administration, and is prepared by one who has been for a number of years a recognized authority on Record in the Sunday school.

Have a class in the book of all your secretaries and some good prospects for secretaries. This will enable them to know the very best and latest in all the good things about the Six Point Record System.

In this matter of records, the Sunday School Board now has greater variety than formerly, the prices have been lowered, explanatory leaflets are free. All record supplies may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Yes, Every One.

How about making this your slogan this year: "Every Sunday school reporting a gain this year?"

It should be done; it can be done. Yes, it takes study, work, planning, prayer, perseverance, more classes,

MACON

Last night we had the closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School. The house was packed to the doors. The pupils and faculty led in the fine worship service and program.

The enrollment of the school was 122. The average attendance was 97.9. Seventeen junior and intermediate boys and girls made profession of faith in the last two services of the school.

In addition to the group of more mature workers who served on the faculty there were nine fine young people, seven of them of our own church. They were Dorothy Pearson, Katherine Crigler, Mary Catherine Sullivan, Margaret White, Lucile Chancellor, J. W. Thorbert and Joe J. Hurst. Joy Stennis, of this county; Elizabeth Clark, of Macon, and Peggy Chastaine of Lexington, added much to this group.

The pastor feels that the growth in service of these young people is of prime value. They were a joy and a blessing to the older group who led them in service.

We are rejoicing in the fruits of the school.

R. D. Pearson.

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LEPER COLONY IN NIGERIA

(Foreign Mission Board)—Almost unbelievable is the work being done by the Leper Colony of the Oyo Province in Nigeria, supervised and directed by the missionary staff of the Hospital. One hundred and seventy-seven (177) lepers were enrolled at this Colony for the year 1940. These live at the Colony, have their farms, and receive the necessary and appropriate treatment.

There is the Leper Colony Baptist Church with 66 members. Eighteen persons were baptized on profession of faith in Jesus Christ and there are thirty-six inquirers. One hundred and ten are enrolled in Sunday School; one hundred persons study in the Baptist Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Society, and a day school with thirty-nine pupils. The Lockett Memorial Chapel is completed and is the center of all the church activities. Forty-nine persons, after laboratory tests, were declared as non-infective, with the disease arrested, and were discharged from the Colony during the year. Surely this is a healing, teaching, evangelistic ministry for the glory of God and the good of humanity.

more visiting. But, it can be done.

Many schools are coming to the end of this year with a gain. Is yours? If not, why not? Honestly now, brother superintendent, if it does not, why? Let's face the fact of the need of every school showing a gain this year, and then work to make it so.

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VALUE OF LIBERAL EDUCATION OFFERED BY MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Preparation for life through liberal education with a Christian background is the primary object of Mississippi College, and in this field the school has no equal. Other colleges may surpass the Clinton school in the technical courses of engineering, and vocational trade courses, but none will give the background for living that a liberal arts education in the atmosphere of Mississippi College will give. That, in short, is her purpose for existence.

Yet, while Mississippi College is primarily a liberal arts college, she is not unfit to give training in the foundation courses of all vocations and professions. Pre-medical, pre-law, and pre-ministerial courses, foundations in mathematics and all the sciences—all these are offered the student. It is, however, the preparation which the college gives for living in the complex world that makes the education she offers valuable. It is this training which the student finds valuable regardless of the profession he may enter.

Unlike many schools, Mississippi College offers her courses with a Christian background and by a Christian faculty. Absolutely all truth is taught, in science, literature, history, and other fields, but no conflict is left between knowledge and religion. Science in all its forms is taught, and truth is set as the final standard, yet Christianity is strengthened, not torn down. The individual soon perceives that science is the handiwork of God, the arts are the record of man's achievements, and neither can conflict with God's purpose in His ultimate truth.

The result of such training on the student is profound and lasting. In many sections of the earth, knowledge is looked upon as a dangerous thing, an enemy of religion, churches, government, and mankind. To the student of Mississippi College knowledge is portrayed as a thing with which to develop, to broaden, to enlighten, and to strengthen one's intellectual, social, and religious life.

It would be useless to relate the high quality of work offered at the college. Work is accredited by every agency in the nation, and work is accepted anywhere in the United States without question. The percentage of faculty members holding a doctorate is perhaps larger than any other college in the south. To those who know them, however, it is not the degrees held by the faculty, but the men themselves that make them an inspiration. The importance of these influences on the development of the individual is apparent.

The combination of these advantages with the genial spirit prevailing among students, the democratic

REV. JACOB GARTENHAUS COMPLETES TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

By J. B. Lawrence,
Executive Secretary
Home Mission Board

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." This was Jacob Gartenhaus' text twenty years ago when he became a missionary of the Home Mission Board, and it is his passion now.

The life of Jacob Gartenhaus is a thrilling story. Born in Austria in an orthodox Jewish family, educated in the strictest schools of his father's faith and trained in the ritual of the Mosaic law, he was a Jew of the strictest sort. He came to America to make a fortune, but instead found Christ and became an evangelist to his own people.

For twenty years now he has been going up and down the land stirring our people and firing them with a desire for Israel's salvation, distributing tracts and winning his way into the confidence and respect of his Jewish people. Twenty years ago, when he began, every Jewish door was closed against him. Today these doors are open wide; then the Jews spurned him, today they are eager to hear and many are accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord.

His work has indeed been phenomenal. Many, confronted as he was with such stubborn resistance from the people he would serve, would have given up. But not so Jacob Gartenhaus. Like Paul, he continued, patiently, persistently, lovingly and with great faith, looking to the day when the Lord would honor his efforts. The Lord has honored his efforts by giving him many of his fellow Jews for Christ.

The Home Mission Board rejoices in the services of Brother Gartenhaus and is happy to call special attention to his services on this, his twentieth anniversary with the Board.

BR

Notice in a Scotch church: "Those in the habit of putting buttons instead of coins in the collection plate will please put in their own buttons and not buttons from the cushions on the pews."

BR

"I wish you boys wouldn't call me Big Bill."

"Why not?"

"Those college names stick—and I'm going to be a doctor."

spirit shown on the campus, the opportunity for participation in all forms of student activity and endeavor—all these things make the student at ease with himself and the world, an independent personality, equipped to really live in a world in which living is sometimes forgotten.

—John W. Wills.

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My dear children,

I am hoping that all of you will have a happy fourth of July, whether you celebrate by picnicking, swimming, playing tennis, visiting, resting or whatnot. Of course, you will stop to thank God for our country and the liberty which we enjoy, and ask His blessing upon it.

One way that we can show our love of country, our patriotism, is by praying for the leaders in our land: our president, the cabinet, congress, and all those who hold places of responsibility. Paul, in a letter to Timothy, tells him to pray for the rulers, for those in authority. Now, more than ever, we need to ask God to direct our leaders and give them wisdom; that they may seek His guidance and follow it. If we really love our country we will pray for it. Do not think because you are a little child that your prayers will not count. God wants little children to come to Him for what they need, and He is glad to hear and answer. "Righteousness exalteth a nation," Solomon tells us; let us live and pray that our beloved country shall be exalted.

Our letters from you are too few this week. I hope you will be writing right away.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY TRIAL BY FIRE

All Israel had assembled on Mt. Carmel because Elijah, the prophet, had commanded Ahab, the king, to gather all the people there, together with the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah. Elijah meant for them to decide that day who was God and whom they should worship. There on the slope of Mt. Carmel, with the brassy sky above them and the dry parched plains of Jezreel below them, Elijah, as the only representative of Jehovah God, faced the waiting people. Stern and courageous, Elijah took charge and began by asking, "How long will you be in deciding whom you shall worship? If the Lord be God, then serve Him, but if Baal be God, serve him." The people heard him, but they answered him not a word. Then Elijah said "I am here as the only prophet of Jehovah, but there are four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. Now, get two bullocks and let the prophets of Baal take one and prepare it for sacrifice and let them build an altar and lay the bullock on the altar. I will take the other bullock and prepare it and place it as a sacrifice upon an altar to Jehovah. They will pray to Baal, and I shall pray to Jehovah, and the one who answers with fire, he is God." Then all the people answered, "It is well said."

The prophets of Baal took their bullock, dressed it and placed it on their altar, no doubt unwillingly, but of necessity, because the people had agreed that this should be the test of who was the real God, and they dared not refuse. They prayed and called to Baal, becoming more earnest and wrought up as they prayed. They bowed themselves to the ground and chanted their prayers and begged desperately, but still there came no answer from heaven. Noon came, and Elijah knowing how useless were these prayers from the four hundred and fifty prophets to an idol, began to scoff at them. "Pray louder," he said. "He may be talking, or perhaps he has gone hunting or is on a journey, or he may be asleep and you will have to call loud enough to awaken him." They cried louder, screaming in their desperation, and still no answer. Along toward evening they threw themselves on the altar and cut themselves until the blood came, but none of these brought down fire from heaven.

Then Elijah stepped forth and

spoke to the Children of Israel, saying, "Come near." They came near and Elijah took twelve stones, a stone for each one of the twelve tribes of Israel and repaired an old broken-down altar to Jehovah. He stacked wood on the altar, and cut his bullock in pieces and placed it on the wood. He dug a deep ditch all around the altar, and told them to bring four barrels of water and pour on the offering and on the wood. Then he said, "Bring four more barrels," and when they had brought water the second time, he said, "Do it a third time." They poured so much water over the offering and the wood and the altar that it overflowed and ran down and filled up the trench around the altar.

Then Elijah lifted up his voice and talked to God. He said, "O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, hear me this day, that this people may know that you are God and I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Hear me, O Lord God, that they may know that you are God."

God heard this prayer of Elijah and sent down fire from heaven that burned up the offering, the wood on the altar, consumed the altar and even licked up the water in the trench around the altar. Then all the people shouted, "The Lord He is God! The Lord He is God!"

Elijah spoke to the people and said, "Take the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape." They took these false prophets who had led the people away from the true God to the worship of idols, to the brook Kidron and there Elijah put them to death, for that was the penalty God had prescribed for those who served idols.

Gloster, Miss.
June 22, 1941.

My dear Mrs. Steele,

I am sending two dollars for the Crippled Children's Society of Mississippi. One dollar is from the Cox Chapter, Junior R. A.'s and the other dollar is from the Junior S. S. Department of the Gloster Baptist Church.

Thanks.

Your friend,

Mary Kathryn Cole.

To the Cox Chapter of the R. A.'s, to the Junior Department of the Gloster Sunday School, and to the young lady who sent the gift for them, we are grateful. Thank you everyone. We shall be glad to see that your donation reaches its proper destination.—F. L. S.

Route 6, Hattiesburg, Miss.
June 23, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I am enclosing twenty-seven coupons for the orphanage and one dollar to be divided between the orphanage and the B. B. I. fund. It has been some time since I wrote to you, and I still enjoy the Children's Circle. I am eleven years old now and will be in the sixth grade next year. I broke my arm on the first day of April and wore a cast for six weeks but I am all right now and enjoying my vacation and hope all other boys and girls are too. I have a colt, a pig, and two calves all my own. I am a tither, and the tithe on one yearling was ten dollars this year. Not so bad to be a farmer boy, is it?

Love to all of you,

Billie Burt.

I should say being a farmer boy isn't so bad. It's fine, Billie! But then I think being an honest, conscientious, hard-working, hard playing boy anywhere would be pretty nice. Thank you, young man. That broken arm was no April fool, was it?—F. L. S.

The Flag Bearer

There was to be a parade of all the primary children on the Fourth of July. They were to meet at the

school house. Then they would start, two by two. With a great red, white and blue flag in front, they would march to the park where the soldiers would be. One soldier would make a speech from the platform that had been built under the trees in the park.

The child who carried the flag was to stand on the platform and hold it while the soldier read his speech. Which child would that be? No one knew. All they could tell about it was what their teacher told them.

"It must be a brave child who carries the flag," the teacher said, "because the red of the flag says, 'Be brave.' It must be a true child, for that is what the blue says. And it must be a good child for the white in the flag says, 'Be good.'"

So all the children tried to be brave, and true, and good. They all told what they had been doing.

"I can fire my cap-pistol without winking," Edgar said. He thought that very brave.

"I shall be truthful all this week," Alice said. She did not know that she should be truthful always.

"I was so good today that my grandfather gave me a penny," Allen said. He did not know that he should do his best without pay.

Then it was the morning of the Fourth of July. All the primary children met at the school house door to march to the park. The flag that the teacher held in her hand was very large, and very beautiful.

Each child was sure that he or she would be chosen to carry it. But the teacher asked:

"Where is Jimmy?"

"Oh, Jimmy isn't coming. He told us when we went by his house that he wouldn't be able to come," the children said.

"Why will Jimmy not be able to come?" the teacher asked.

"He said that he had no new suit to wear," Alice said.

"And he is helping his mother with the work today because she is tired," Allen said.

Then the teacher said, "Go and ask Jimmy's mother if he may come and march in the Fourth of July parade. He is to carry the flag."

"Why?" asked all the children.

"Jimmy is brave to give up marching," the teacher told them. "And he is honest about his old clothes, and good to his mother."

For a minute the children were quiet. Then they understood about Jimmy.

"Hurrah! Hurrah for Jimmy!" they shouted.

So Jimmy marched with the flag at the head of the parade. He stood beside the oldest soldier in the park. No one noticed that he had no new suit, for the flag was all one could see except Jimmy's happy face.

—Selected.

PLEASED WITH THE PROSPECTS

(Foreign Mission Board)—Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, upon her appointment to Chile in April, 1940, went to Buenos Aires to study the language, awaiting permission to enter Chile. This permission was granted about the first of the year and she now writes as follows:

"Four months in Chile, and it seems as though I had been here much longer, for I feel so completely at home and settled, now that I am at last in the new building.

"My trip to Temuco and the South during January has given me a pretty good idea of the work in that section, and during this year I expect to visit many of the churches. I am greatly pleased with the prospects for the Training School and believe that we can open next year with as many students as we shall be able to accommodate. I have already met and talked with many of these prospective students."

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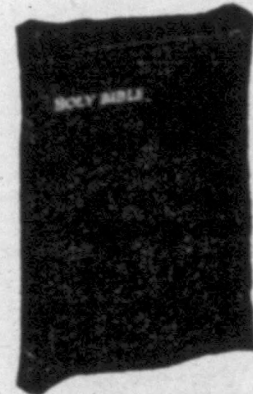
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Places for 1942 District Conventions

We are happy here to announce the meeting places of our 1942 District Training Union Conventions. District One, Southside, Jackson; District Two, Indianola; District Three, Water Valley; District Four; District Five, Pontotoc; District Six, Belmont; District Seven, Houka; District Eight, Sturgis; District Nine, Black Jack, Yazoo County; District Ten, Forest; District Eleven, New Fellowship, Jasper County; District Twelve, Richton; District Thirteen, 38th Avenue, Hattiesburg; District Fourteen, Columbia; District Fifteen, Liberty. Jot these places down on your calendar, and watch for the announcement of the time for each.

Calvary Jackson B. T. U. Issues Bulletin

The Informer is the official publication of the Young People's department of the Calvary, Jackson, Training Union. The staff is composed of Miss Edna Carver, editor-in-chief; John Aiden, publicity editor; Barbara McKinley, society editor; Electra Warren, religious editor; and Donald Foster, art editor. It is published each week and has two to four pages of interesting and helpful material in regarding to the Training Union.

Hinds-Warren Association Plans Enlargement Campaign

Hinds-Warren Association, the largest in the state in number of unions, under the direction of Clifton Tate, Associational B. T. U. Director, has for several months been making plans for an enlargement campaign to be held in every church in the association during the week of September 28-October 3. Something like sixty outside workers are to be enlisted as teachers and directors of the campaign. The Sunday School Board will cooperate and have many of their Training Union workers helping in this campaign. The churches are cooperating in every way, and will finance the campaign which will cost about seven or eight hundred dollars.

Several Books You Will Want

FIFTY FRUITFUL YEARS—A splendid history of the Sunday School Board, written by Dr. P. E. Burroughs, who has been with the board more than half of the years of its existence. You will enjoy reading this romantic story, and, too, you will want it for future generations to have and read.

BY CLIPPER PLANE AND STRATOLINER—Miss Willie Jean Stewart, specialist in children's work, has given us a book that every Junior will want. It is a world trip taking us to the mission fields of Southern Baptists, showing us many strange people and customs of these people—China, Japan, Palestine, Syria, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Italy, Spain, Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Mexico and Chile. 35c.

KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD—A book of sermons by Dr. John W.

Phillips, for a long time pastor of First Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala. Eleven sermons. \$1.00.

ARE ALL ROADS THE SAME—If you are interested in knowing the difference between the Baptists and others you will be interested in this book by Dr. E. O. Routh, Editor of The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma. 35c.

We have two new tracts we will be glad to send you if requested: Stewardship of Money, and Personal Messages on Tithing.

Learning to be a good loser is as much to an individual as being a winner. Only one in a game can be best, but do not be satisfied to see him head the list without his breaking the record. When he has won, congratulate yourself in that your pushing him had a lot to do with his success, hence you, too, can boast of success.

Holly Grove in Sunflower Organizes

We are happy to have a report from Mrs. E. J. Murphey, Associational Leader for Sunflower Association, in which she gives the account of the organization of a new Training Union at Holly Grove church in that county. Mrs. Murphey, with the assistance of Miss Allie Mae Bryant, Mr. E. E. Sumrall and several of the young people from the Indianola church, made the contact, interested the church and taught a study course. The result was the organization of what we believe will be a successful Training Union. Mr. Haven McQuary was elected director; Mr. McLemore, Association director; Mrs. McLemore, intermediate leader; Mr. J. A. Marquis, Junior Leader; Miss Pauline Williams, Secretary and Pianist. This is a fine piece of extension work, and proves the worth of the associational organization. Congratulations to the Holly Grove church.

Edwards "Ambassadors" Complete First Study Course

The Edwards church, under the leadership of Mrs. Milton Dawson, director of their newly organized union, has had their first study course and they report an average attendance upon the study course of 90% of their members. They have started their work with the right idea as regards the study course, and are already planning for a second course in September. At the close of the course, through the courtesy of Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Wilkins Montgomery, a delightful fishing trip and picnic was enjoyed by the class. They have named their union "Ambassadors"—a fitting name for a group bent on being good representatives for the KING.

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Bank Clerk: "Have you anything to identify yourself by?"

Fair One: "Er—yes, if you must know; I have a mole on my left arm."

EDUCATION PLUS Sibyl Brame Townsend

In this day and age it seems necessary for some reason to defend the Christian college, which one was the very foundation of American education and which through the years has produced the largest number of those worthy of a place in *Who's Who*, against those who think state or private schools can offer so much.

As a result of this, many justifications are made for Christian education, including the protection from modern temptations, the personal attention given each student, and the greater opportunity for leadership development. While these all contribute to its greater usefulness, the one and only excuse for the existence of the Christian college is its power to give the student not just an education but an education that is genuinely and completely Christian. Other schools can do much toward this, perhaps—especially through such organizations as the B. S. U.—but the Christian college, dedicated to the purpose, can naturally do more.

It is probably true that the average student in choosing a school today considers location, material equipment, scholastic rating, social opportunities, expenses, vocational training and the like long before he looks into the provisions made for his own Christian growth. For this reason we, as Blue Mountain College alumnae, should be grateful that we can point with pride to the location and equipment of our Alma Mater, can boast of its scholastic rating and vocational training, and can heartily recommend its program of social activities, self-help and campus life in general.

On the other hand we should be more than grateful that Blue Mountain in its purpose, curriculum, faculty, attitudes, and annual program does not compromise on Christian principles. It provides not only an education but also an environment that is genuinely and completely Christian.

As students from all parts of the country and from all walks of life come and go, the influence of such an education and such an environment is evident in their lives. A student from a fine Christian home, already endowed with a strong Christian faith, rejoices in the atmosphere of a college so congenial with her hopes and aspirations. A student prone to be skeptical, a typical doubter, has her wavering faith steadied by the witness of teachers and schoolmates at this crucial time when so many lose faith. A girl faced with the definite choice between a worldly life or surrender to Christ finds the Christian forces and influences of the college too strong to resist and yields her life to Christian service. The wayward student has much of her waywardness curbed, not so much by discipline as by her unpopularity. The student who is lost and without Christ becomes the concern of faculty and fellow students alike.

Christian people—parents, students, and especially the Baptists of Mississippi at this time—will do well to consider anew the importance of such influences in a day when righteousness and Christian character are sorely needed. We might go so far as to ask, "What doth it profit a man to gain the highest of de-

DEAF CHRISTIANS TO ATTEND HOME MISSION CONFERENCE

A new feature of Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 3-8, will be the interpretation of the services in the sign language for the deaf. Dr. J. B. Lawrence has announced.

Miss Fay Osborne of Nashville, Tenn., who interprets for the deaf group in the First Baptist Church, is on the staff of the assembly this summer and has been given the assignment of interpreting in the sign language all of the sessions of the Home Mission Conference by Perry Morgan, assembly manager.

Deaf groups throughout the South are invited to send representatives to Ridgecrest Home Mission Week. Perhaps each of the more than 100 deaf groups throughout the South could send several representatives. The expenses might be borne by the entire class or by the church. If workers with the deaf or pastors will take the initiative in this matter, no doubt a number of deaf friends can be sent to the conference.

In addition to the personal blessings which will come to the deaf who attend there will be two other very distinct advantages in having a good representation. First, it will give the entire conference a new conception of the significance of the deaf work, since the presence of the deaf and the interpretation of the messages will give an actual example of mission work among the deaf. Second, the deaf friends attending the conference will receive an enlarged view of kingdom work which they will be able to carry back to other deaf Christians scattered throughout the South.

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Salesman: I say, sonny, is your mother at home?

Small Boy: Yes, sir.

Salesman (after knocking in vain): I thought you said she was at home.

Small Boy: Yes, sir, but I don't live here.

grees in the greatest of universities if he lose his own soul?" May we in education as in all of life "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Note: Mrs. Townsend, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, is the daughter of Rev. Webb Brame, of Yazoo City, and the wife of Rev. Carl M. Townsend, pastor of Hayes-Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., and the mother of a six-weeks-old son.



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PONTOTOC GOES AHEAD

Our Vacation Bible School opened June 2 and ran ten days. The commencement exercises were held on Friday evening, June 13. The enrollment was 170. 120 certificates were granted.

Five sets of pictures showing mission work being done by the Home Mission Board were secured and shown daily during the first week. Thus our mission work became a very live issue with our boys and girls not to speak of the entire corps of workers. These pictures were most helpful as aids to showing how the marching orders of Christ are being carried out today by Southern Baptists by the Cooperative Program.

I have never worked with a finer corps of workers. Mrs. Murray Caldwell served as superintendent of the Intermediate Department; Miss Ernestine Ferrell was superintendent of the Junior Department; Mrs. Pat Rankin was superintendent of the Primary Department; Mrs. Thomas Wardlaw was superintendent of the Beginner Department; Mr. Richard Furr, Jr., was in charge of the handwork for boys; the pastor acted as principal.

The handwork for the boys during the second week was devoted to Bible projects. The older boys constructed a model of the temple. This opened the way for a close study of Solomon's Temple. The rending of the veil, the removal of the human priestly functions, and the direct approach and accessibility of the individual to the throne of grace by way of Christ our only high priest since that day were emphasized. Other less difficult projects included the construction of a house such as Simon the tanner lived at Joppa with the 10th chapter of Acts as the text for study; a scourge; a sheep fold; and a roll of the Scriptures.

I have never had any connection with Vacation Bible School work where any more attention was given to the actual study of the Word of God and the memorization of sections of it. Our constant reminder of the value of this phase of our work was David's words: "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."

The Lord has done great things for us. There have been additions to the church for the past several Sundays. The spirit is excellent.

Our revival meeting begins July 6th with Brother D. A. McCall preaching and Brother Fred Scholfield in charge of the song services. Pray that the Lord may use us in these services.

Thirty boys and girls from our church family were away last school year attending colleges and universities or business schools. Many of these have returned home for the summer. We rejoice to have them in our worship services again. Many of them have already taken up places of responsibility in the work of the church.

It will be my gracious privilege to serve as camp pastor for the Junior Royal Ambassadors in their annual camp to be held at Tombigbee Park near Tupelo for the boys of this district next week, June 23-25.

May the Lord continue His rich blessings upon you in the most important task to which He has called you in the capacity as editor of The

REV. I. P. RANDOLPH

On June 1st, 1941, this sterling preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ went home to live with God and the redeemed forever. He was 69 years old and had been a minister for 50 years. He had pastored many churches over Northeast Mississippi, including Academy, Mt. Gilead, Kossuth, Birmingham, Pleasant Ridge, and other churches of this section. His longest service as pastor was Pleasant Ridge, his home church, which he served at various times as pastor for 22 years. The last time he served this church was from 1922 to 1937, when he resigned on account of ill health. He was born and reared in the Pleasant Ridge community and lived there practically all his life, and owned one of the best farms in Union County. While this writer was at the head of Poplar Springs College, Brother Randolph, with his wife and a large family, and with only a common school education, moved to Poplar Springs and began the Herculean task of training himself for his life work as a preacher. For four years he worked unceasingly and emerged, after having completed the B. S. course, which included mathematics through Analytical Geometry, with other corresponding subjects in history, in the languages and so on. His wife was the daughter of a pioneer family in Pleasant Ridge community and was a true helpmeet through all their years of married life. To them were born eleven children, ten daughters and one son. Nine daughters and the son still survive, and their fine Christian lives are a fine testimony to a good parentage. As a husband, father, citizen and minister, Brother Randolph took first rank among those who knew him best. Until time shall be no more, his influence for good in all this section will be continually bearing fruit. May great grace be administered to all till we meet him again in the sweet by and by.

Fraternally,
T. A. J. Beasley.

—BR—
ESCATAWPA

It is with much joy that I am reporting another wonderful meeting at Escatawpa on Sunday, June 15-21, with such demonstration of Christian joy and fervor as to almost sweep this staid deacon off his feet. God sent us wonderful messages through that consecrated young pastor-evangelist, Gaston Mooney, of Clinton. This is Brother Mooney's second meeting with us this year and he has made a great place for himself at Escatawpa. Our beloved pastor, Van Windham, who is never quite so happy as when busy with his Lord's work, has been in all his glory through this week and rejoices over the outlook for the work as Brother Mooney leaves us.

There were several accessions to the church by baptism and by letter. It is such a joy to see the fine young boys and girls who are coming forward to take their part in God's kingdom work and to know that when the burden slips from our aging hands it will be taken up by those faithful young people who are more competent. Pray for us that we may continue to be faithful to Him.—J. E. Nelson.

Baptist Record is my prayer for you.
—B. B. Hilbun.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK IN GEORGE COUNTY

The week of May 18th there was held a Special Associational Sunday School week in George County. This was under the supervision of Prof. M. A. Eubanks, Association Sunday School Superintendent of George County, an efficient, hard-working Christian gentleman. Conferences were held each day in the churches of the county, and night classes were held in the church in Lucedale. The book "Associational Sunday School Work," by Barnette was studied. A look at the county and the visible results of this week will show the great good done. There are five regular Southern Baptist churches in George county, among 6,000 or more white people. All of these churches participated in this week's effort. All were represented in the central class at Lucedale. There are five pastors in the county, and every one of them was present in one of the meetings (three attended nearly all). All of the Sunday School superintendents were present in at least one meeting and four of them in practically every meeting. There were six conferences held in individual churches (two in one) and the special worker went to three of the churches for special services. The attendances at the special conference are as follows:

Agricola—14, including a pastor and two teachers.

Barton—26, including pastor, Sunday School superintendent and seven teachers.

Rocky Creek—10 including pastor, Sunday School superintendent and five teachers.

Shady Grove—10 including two teachers and one general officer.

Lucedale—Conferences every night, Sunday School superintendent, and practically all teachers present.

Every church was represented every night but one. One church failed to show up one night.

The attendance at the study class each night was: Monday, 67; Tuesday, 91; Wednesday, 69; Thursday, 86, and Friday, 105. There were 169 enrolled in this night class.

At the Sunday afternoon rally, May 25th there were 127 present, and Barton won the Attendance Banner. There was a conference held in this (Sunday afternoon) meeting for (1) Pastors and Sunday School superintendents; (2) Cradle Roll and Beginner; (3) Primary; (4) Junior; (5) Intermediate; (6) Young People, and (7) Adult and Extension.

New officers enlisted were: An Associate Associational Superintendent in charge of Training; a Cradle Roll superintendent, an Extension Department Superintendent, and a Vacation Bible School leader.

Goals set up were:

1. A Cradle Roll department in every church.
2. An Extension Department in every church.
3. A Vacation Bible School in every church.
4. An Enlargement Campaign, studying Building a Standard Sunday School, in every church.
5. A definite, systematic visitation program in every church.
6. A Standard of Excellence adopted and set up in every church as a guide and program of work.

Plans were made to have a

CALVARY CHURCH, HATTIESBURG

I have been very much interested in what has been said in the Record about the Calvary church near Hattiesburg. I do not recall all the history about the beginning of this work. I do remember that it was started by a group of people who moved to that community from Simpson County. They came from churches that were loyal to our State work and had been greatly influenced by the ministry of Brother J. P. Williams. I recall those who were active in getting the work started. There was the Traylor family, the Dale family, the Mullins family, the Bird family, and possibly others. But these families were the leaders. No finer people ever lived anywhere. There was a landmark church out in that community but these people said "We are loyal to our Baptist work in Mississippi, and we want our children brought up in a church that is loyal to that work." Brother J. W. Traylor was a brother to Miss Fannie Traylor. Brother Buckley, who was well known to these people, held a meeting in the community. Brother N. J. Lee also held a meeting for them. A church was organized, a location for a building was secured and a building put up. The work was done by the members of the church. Soon after the church was organized I was called as pastor and served them in connection with my work as pastor of Immanuel Church in Hattiesburg until I left Hattiesburg the first of 1928 to come to my present work. I preached for them Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. I am not sure about who followed me. I loved those people and the thing that rejoices my heart is the fact that the work has grown and is still growing. I am happy to have had some part in the work out there.

W. S. Allen.

monthly meeting of all associational officers.

This is one of the best week's work in Sunday Schools this county has ever had. May God see fit to give us many more in our state.

—Reporter.



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FIVE MEETINGS

Ten days in DeKalb, Miss.—Evangelist B. W. Walker and I were with the DeKalb Church in a very gracious meeting. The Lord gave us good congregations, a fine spirit and several additions to the church there and several additions to churches near by. The church called Bro. J. M. Cook as pastor during the meeting.

For eight days it was my privilege to preach and lead the singing in a meeting with the Walnut church near Clarksdale where Bro. Walter Price is pastor. He is a fine young man doing a real good work for the Lord. Here I taught a book on soul-winning also. We had a fine spirit. Few additions to the church.

For eight days I preached and sang in a meeting with the church at Merigold. I had assisted in two other meetings here before. It was a real joy to work with these good people again and with their energetic, consecrated pastor, Bro. Joe Sturdivant. We had large crowds, a fine spirit and several additions to the church.

Evangelist B. W. Walker and I were with the princely man of God, L. W. Ferrel, and the Griffith Memorial Church, of Jackson, Miss., in eleven days meeting. This is a great church indeed. We found this church already in a revived condition. They had a large number already awaiting baptism. Bro. Walker brought very fine messages in his inimitable way. He is one of the best and sanest evangelists we have. There were over 80 additions to the church, about two-thirds of them for baptism. It was a joy beyond measure to work with these two good men of God and this fine church.

Six days with the church at Webb, Miss. Here Bro. Pennebaker is the fine pastor, who is doing a splendid work. Bro. James Sullivan of Ripley, Tenn., brought wonderful messages. He is a first rate preacher. The Lord graciously blessed us here also. The crowds were large at every service. Over thirty united with the church.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Eph. 1:3.

Joe Canzoneri,
Jackson, Miss.

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PINOLA

Our meeting starts the first Sunday in July with Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs as the visiting preacher.

On July 21-25 we are to have our Vacation Bible school. Mrs. Ike Farmer will be the principal, assisted by Miss Faye Vinson.

Our folks should do better singing. We recently purchased fifty Broadman Hymnals.

The W. M. U. is sponsoring a campaign to build additional Sunday school rooms. And they are badly needed.

All my churches, Pinola, Strong River, Pleasant Valley and Coat, have accepted their Now Club quotas.

Guy Little, Pastor.

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Thirteen Indian students made professions of faith when Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hancock held a service in the government school at Chillico, Okla.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN
BAPTIST CONVENTION
By Walter M. Gilmore

A feature of the meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, June 11, was a joint session with the Sunday School Board, which met the same day, at which the new administration building of the board was dedicated. The cost of building, lots and equipment was approximately \$350,000, all of which has been paid. On behalf of the Sunday School Board, Dr. W. F. Powell, president of the board, presented the building to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Charles W. Daniel, El Dorado, Arkansas, president of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, received it for the Convention. Dr. W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, offered the prayer of dedication.

The same officers of both the executive committee and the Sunday School Board were re-elected: Dr. C. W. Daniel, El Dorado, Ark., president of the executive committee; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Waco, Texas, vice-president; Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville, executive secretary; Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville, director of promotion; Walter M. Gilmore, Nashville, recording secretary, treasurer, publicity director. Dr. W. F. Powell, Nashville, was re-elected president of the Sunday School Board for the twenty-first time; Dr. John D. Freeman, Nashville, recording secretary of the board; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer; Dr. J. O. Williams, Nashville, business manager; Dr. Hight C. Moore, Nashville, editorial secretary; Dr. Prince E. Burroughs, Nashville, head of the division of education and promotion.

The committee was greatly gratified with the report of the continued increase in receipts. For the first five months of this year we had received \$1,117,859.54, which is \$142,342.82 more than was received last year during the same period. The receipts for the month of May were \$241,745.47. Included in this was \$22,970.57 from the Hundred Thousand Club, which is next to the largest amount ever received any one month since the club started eight years ago, the largest amount being \$26,873.57, which was received in April, 1941.

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BETHANY CHURCH-LAUDERDALE

Assisted by Rev. Tom Douglas, pastor, Miss Nannie David organized several groups at Bethany Baptist Church, Sunday night, June 8. Among these and their counselors are as follows: Sunbeams, Mrs. Beatrice Parnell; Junior R. A., Mrs. Myra Nichols; Junior G. A., Mrs. Ethel McRae; Intermediate R. A., Rev. Tom Douglas assisted by Mr. Harvey Robinson; Intermediate G. A., Earline Butler. Other groups and their presidents are: Brotherhood, J. W. Gough; W. M. S., Mrs. Octavis Culpepper. The second meeting we had 108 present. Through the help of Miss Nannie David we are going to have Arthur and Eugene Craighead with us next Sunday from Roumania to play the violin and accordion.

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During the past year forty-four new missionaries have been appointed by the Home Mission Board.

A WIDE-AWAKE CHURCH

It was the happy privilege of the writer to be in a series of meetings with the West Corinth Baptist Church, June 11-20th, which resulted in a genuine revival and the winning to Christ of people from about ten to about fifty years of age. The music during the meeting was under the direction of Mr. Robert Moore, leader, and Miss Nita Green, pianist, and contributed much to the success of the meeting.

The Rev. Dewey Wallis, Pastor, is one of the best pastors of my acquaintance, and the people delight to follow his constructive leadership as he follows the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Wallis is a true help-meet in the work of our Lord. The present pastorate of five years has seen the church go from one-fourth to one-half, to three-fourths, to full time preaching and corresponding progress made in all of the work. The plans of the pastor and the church for the near future call for the erection of four more Sunday school rooms and the erection of a pastorium. The names of the church really practice the art of hospitality. Surely this is one of the most wide-awake churches to be found anywhere.

J. S. Riser, Jr.,
Blue Mountain.

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On the question of alien baptism and open communion, Secretary E. Godbold says in the Word and Way: "As a layman we can't understand how a Baptist church can accept the baptism administered by a Disciples Church, for example, that since the time of Alexander Campbell has preached and believed in baptismal regeneration or of a Methodist Church that since the time of John Wesley has at least believed in, whether they have practiced it or not, what we term 'falling from grace.' How can a believer in Christ demonstrate by the ordinance of baptism the teaching of Romans 6:4 when such a person believes that he can lose his eternal life? It seems to us that any church that accepts 'alien immersion' to be consistent must do like the Riverside Church in New York, that is, have 'open membership.' The logical conclusion of accepting 'alien immersion' and 'open communion' cannot be anything less than 'open membership.' If a Baptist church accepts the baptism of one member of any pedo-Baptist church she must then to be consistent, accept the baptism of every pedo-Baptist church. Those who have been baptized voluntarily by sprinkling are just as conscientious in observing the ordinance as are those among the pedo-Baptists who have been baptized by immersion. When a Baptist compromises in any one respect in principle or policy the way is open then for further compromises and there is no stopping place until the beliefs and practices of all are accepted. The only authoritative guide for any Baptist church is the new Testament and the closer we stick to it the safer and surer we shall be."

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The administrative committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in a recent meeting in Nashville committed to the Home Mission Board the work of Southern Baptists in military training camps.

DR. HARGROVE IN WACO

On Sunday, June 1, the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, celebrated the fourth anniversary of their pastor, Dr. H. H. Hargrove and the beginning of his fifth year. During the four years of this pastorate the church has received a total of 871 new members with 285 of them being received by baptism. A total of \$135,219.05 was contributed to all causes by the church during the four years. Of this amount \$40,639.27 went to missions and benevolences. New records have been set in average Sunday School attendance and in annual number of baptisms. A church library consisting of 1143 volumes has been established. A Men's Brotherhood has been organized with a vigorous program of activity planned. At the last association 2,431 members of the church were reported which is the largest membership in the city of Waco.

Last year Dr. Hargrove published a booklet entitled "The New Testament Church in Scripture and History" which has been much in demand from Brazil to China. Numerous articles from his pen have also gone to the various denominational papers.

—Church Secretary.

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HOUSTON

The month of June has been a great month to the people in Houston, Miss. We held our Vacation Bible School here beginning the first week in June. We had a wonderful school. We enrolled 114 (one hundred and fourteen), and the attendance was fine. I appreciate the help from our church in this school. We had three conversions in this school. I have never seen greater interest manifested than we had in this school. I think this phase of Christian work is wonderful to the church and also to those who attend.

At the close of our Vacation Bible school, we started our revival. Bro. McCall of Jackson did the preaching. We had a good meeting and the crowds were great. Bro. McCall brought us great messages from the Word of God. We had several additions to the church on professions of faith.

Our church is going fine and we love our church with all our heart. We have some of the finest Christians in Houston Baptist Church I have ever known. We have been working together nearly 17 years, and I have seen around 900 walk the aisles of our church for the Lord.—W. C. Stewart, Pastor.

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NORTHSIDE CHURCH—JACKSON

A two weeks' Vacation Bible School closed June 20th. The daily average was 76.9. 59 certificates were issued. The mission objects studied was the Old Men's Home for which \$17.08 was given. Good handwork was done in every department and the faculty did splendid work. One result is the prospect of a young people's choir, composed of Intermediates and Juniors alternating on Sunday evenings. Another result is regular giving on the part of the children, each child bringing a penny a day and enjoying it. To many of our members this was a new work, but all of them greatly enjoyed it. They are agreed on having one next year.

WHAT I THINK OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Martha Frances Beaty

We learn from the Bible that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. I appreciate the advantages of a Christian education in a Christian college because it presents an opportunity for a young person to develop after the perfect example of Christ.

It is the purpose of Christian colleges to prepare the student to meet life intelligently. The scholastic standards of the Christian colleges are high. The faculties of Christian colleges are composed of men and women who have Christian ideals, and whose aims are to train their students for Christian citizenship.

It is very important that the college student have an opportunity to develop physically. The Christian college has realized this need, so a well supervised athletic program is planned to help the student develop a strong, healthy body. Efficient coaches train those who are interested in seasonal sports. Although a young person may find scholastic training and physical education at a state school, I do not believe that the spiritual atmosphere of the state institution will compare with that of the denominational school. The B. S. U. work is well organized on the Christian campus for the one purpose of showing the college student the only way to live the abundant life. On the Christian campus, one may find other young people with whom efforts may be united in making the campus truly Christian. At the denominational college, the students are trained to go into the world and show others a practical Christianity. We have only to look at some of the graduates of Christian colleges to find most of our denominational leaders, and others who have influenced many to live by Christ's plan.

Even though the knowledge that a student gets from books is very important, college gives much more than mere facts. The fellow classmates' influence a person greatly during his college career. The social nature of the young people that go to denominational schools is by no means neglected. They have a chance to live with other young people who are, in a sense, selected. The denominational school has an appeal for young people who have high ideals and standards; therefore, we find that the student body of this kind of school is composed of the highest type of young people. Ideal young people make an ideal college life.

Blue Mountain, the denominational college which I attend, seems to be an ideal place for a girl who wants the best that a college education can give. Blue Mountain has given me mental growth by its efficient curriculum, physical development by its well planned athletic program, social development by its contact with girls in societies and other campus activities, and spiritual development through the organization of the Baptist Student Union.

Note: Miss Beaty is a senior at Blue Mountain College, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Beaty, Jackson, Miss.

DELTA DISTRICT TRAINING UNION

One hundred and fifty delegates from Deer Creek, Sunflower, and Bolivar County Associations attended the District Baptist Training Union Convention in Leland, June 10, under the leadership of President Ellis Sylar of Greenville.

Highlights on the day's program were the talks of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Strother, for fifteen years missionaries in China, and the contributions of State BTU Director Auber J. Wilds. The Juniors in their memory work and the Intermediates in their sword drill showed evidence of great skill and practice. Although

there were no contests for the Story Hour group or the Young People's group since there was only one entry in each field, Edith Brister of Indianola told the story of the Good Samaritan and Annie Hendricks of Inverness talk on "Following the Living Christ."

Rev. W. L. Compere and Rev. Rushing were in charge of the music for the day, which included as special selections numbers by a girls' quartette of Skene, a duet by Edith and Betty Lou Brister, and solos by Jean Donahue, Katherine Gossett, and Mr. Compere. Mrs. Simon of Pace talked capably and understandingly of "A Worthy Training Union Program." Entertainment was fur-

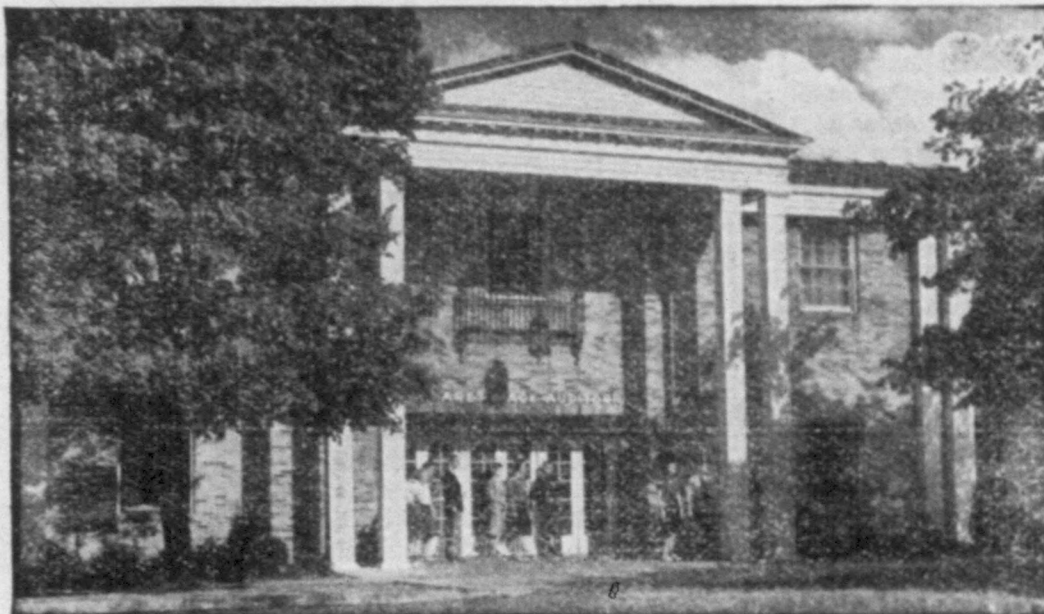
nished in the evening by two motion picture films, "The Living Flame," a religious production, and "America's Wonders of Nature."

The women of Leland served the delegates a delightful luncheon and picnic supper.

Officers for next year include: President, Ellis Sylar, Greenville; Vice-President, W. L. Compere, Belzoni; Secretary, Carolyn Templeton, Hollandale; Intermediate and Junior leader, Mrs. McGowan; pianist, Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Indianola, and song leader, Brother Rushing of Isola.

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